

# They turned the world uMop apisdn

by Kirby Page, internationally known writer and lecturer on world peace.

**When have you seen evidence in your life of love casting out fear? This article suggests that the early Christians' triumph was due to their "giving God opportunity." What may that indicate about us? What may be some of the reasons why we do not give God more opportunity than we do? When we pray, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth . . ." what are some of the things we are praying will happen?**

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL FOR SEPTEMBER 27.

**I**F IT HAD NOT ACTUALLY HAPPENED, you could not believe it. The Teacher was executed in a shameful manner as an enemy of the state. But in an obscure corner of a military empire his followers quickly revealed such attractiveness of character and demonstrated a way of life of such beauty that their movement rapidly expanded. It became the most creative and enduring force in all that empire.

Their Lord had gone about feeding the hungry, healing the sick, comforting the sorrowing, forgiving sins, denouncing injustice, proclaiming wonderful words of life, calling people to the highroad of fellowship with man and communion with a loving Father. He lived the way he taught. And in his own person he was so godlike that for all time to come men would see in him the clearest revelation of God's own character.

Yet this sinless One became a suspected and feared man, hated and persecuted. So radical was his whole way of life, so much a challenge to the status quo, that the leaders of his own people conspired with the officials of the empire to execute him. And on the cross of crucifixion he revealed the very heart of God in his cry for the forgiveness of the people who were killing him.

So certain were his followers of his resurrection from the grave that their own lives were transformed and filled with new power and deep joy. Their awareness of the living presence of the risen Lord deepened trust in God and cast fear from their lives. Their assurance of immortality made them unafraid of death. Their conviction that nothing could separate them from the love of God and the companionship of Jesus drove fear from them. They were not afraid of want and privation. They were not afraid of persecution and apparent defeat. They were not afraid of enemies. They demonstrated the truth that perfect love casts out fear.



In their own experiences they found out what Jesus meant when he warned them that they must take up their cross and face much persecution. They discovered why the prophets before them had been stoned. Men of authority not only fear criminals who fall below prevailing standards, they fear also innovators who rise above existing customs and practices. One generation kills the prophets, and it remains for a future generation to build monuments in their honor.

**F**OR 200 YEARS in many parts of the empire it was bodily dangerous to be known as a follower of the Way. Evidence that a man was a Christian was often sufficient to bring a death penalty. Christians were thrown into the arena with wild beasts, forced to become gladiators for the amusement of the public, and Nero burned some of them to light his gardens.

Much of the New Testament was written in jail. Ranking second only to Jesus, the Apostle Paul was the victim of mob violence, persecution, and imprisonment. Yet the New Testament is a book of joy; it bubbles over with zest. Its keynote: Rejoice, again I say rejoice. The early Christians were certain of God; they were certain of their risen Lord; they were certain of the fellowship; they were certain of life everlasting. They had plenty of reason to rejoice.

It has often been pointed out that the early Christians outlived the pagans, outthought them, outloved them, outdied them. Little wonder, then, that their movement spread rapidly and turned the world upside down.

It should be emphasized that their triumph was not due to favorable circumstances. Jesus lived all his days on this earth as a member of a subject race in a nation that had lost its political freedom and was in (Continued on page 42)



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what he called "monkery." All to no avail. Through the piling up of merits (works) in the elaborate system of Penance, he was told that all would be well. But all was not well. Hence his cry of despair: "How can I find me a gracious God?"

His great discovery, known to Protestants, was found in the gospel promise: Salvation is not earned, but it is a gift of our heavenly Father and received by faith in childlike trust in his mercy. Hence, away with man-made sacrifices: Christ himself is the complete and sufficient sacrifice.

This soul-stirring conviction brought joy and assurance to his soul. Now, because he was justified by faith, he was indeed "the most free lord of all, and subject to no one." He discovered what a glorious liberty the Christian could enjoy freed from all bondage to a priestly system or to a hierarchical tyranny.

In closing, let us recognize this: The present threat to Christianity may well be a warning that our religion is not adequate if it deteriorates into formalism or is accepted in a halfhearted way. Nominal Christians, lukewarm in their dedication, cannot stand up against a militant Communism. Deeply convinced Christians, however, are more than a match for deeply convinced Communists.

Is it not true that the very moral structure of the universe created by God is on the side of love, and not brute force? That forms the indestructible ground of our faith.

## They turned the world upside down

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bondage to the Roman empire. For nearly 300 years the Christians were without political power, and for much of that time were intermittently hunted down by the state.

Their triumph was due to the superior power they wielded, power they got from communion with God, companionship with the living Lord, and the fellowship. They gave God opportunity, and God never misses an opportunity.

From those ancient days comes this letter from Diognetus to an unknown correspondent: "Christians are not differentiated from the rest of mankind either by country, language, or customs. For they neither dwell in any cities of their own, nor employ any unusual dialect, nor practice any strange mode of life. Nor do they possess any kind of knowledge that is discovered by any device and ingenuity of inquisitive men; nor are they, like some, advocates of human philosophic dogma. While they dwell in both Greek and non-Greek cities, according to individual circum-

stances, and follow native customs in clothing and food and other phases of life, yet they set a marvelous and confessedly incredible type of citizenship for themselves. They live in their native countries, but as sojourners; they participate in all activities as citizens, and endure all things as strangers. Every foreign land is their fatherland, and every fatherland is foreign.

"They marry like all other men and beget children, but they do not expose their offspring. They share a common table, but not a common bed. They are in the flesh, but do not live according to the flesh. They abide on earth, but live as citizens of heaven. They obey the established laws, and in their own lives they surpass the laws. They love all men and are persecuted by all. They are unrecognized, and yet they are condemned. They are put to death, and they have an increase of life. They are poor, yet they bestow riches on many. They suffer the want of all things, and they superabound in all things. They endure

One of the troubles in the world today, is the fact we have allowed the Golden Rule to become a bit tarnished.

—Martin Vanbee

indignities, and they are glorified in their indignities. They are slandered, and they are justified. They are abused and they bless. They are scoffed at and they show reverence. While they perform good deeds they are punished as evildoers. When punished they rejoice as attaining unto life. They are warred against as aliens by the Jews and are persecuted by the Greeks, yet those who hate them are unable to state the cause of their hatred. In brief, what the soul is to the body Christians are to the world."

The very attractiveness and power of the early Christians brought about the tragedy of denaturing and watering-down of the message. Large numbers joined the church who had little spiritual experience and many of them remained only lukewarm and nominal members. The supreme tragedy came when the Emperor Constantine had a dream in which he saw a cross and heard the words, "By this sign conquer." He joined the church, captured control of it, diverted it into the waging of war and the support of the empire, although he was not baptized until on his deathbed and gave no evidence of being a real Christian.

From that day to this the church in its majorities has supported every war waged by a so-called Christian nation, and has blessed both sides of every civil war fought within Christendom. The churches sanctioned and supported chat-

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tel slavery, serfdom, divine right of kings, the Inquisition, the torture of witches, dueling, the crusades, and numerous other wars of religion. From the behavior of conventional Christians you would suppose that they had never heard the admonition to come out from among them and be different; be not conformed to this world.

The moral of the story is plain. It is not enough for us today to sing, "Faith of our fathers! living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword. Faith of our fathers; we will be true to thee till death." We must live as we sing. The challenge rings down the centuries to refuse to conform to this world, to refuse to conform to racial segregation, to the way of economic ruthlessness, to the way of political corruption, to the way of war. It is not sufficient for us to glory in that day when the early Christians turned the world upside down. We must realize that when we pray, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth," we are praying for drastic changes in things as they are. We also must live with

You ask them why they walk  
care's heartbreak way;  
They tell of mystic fellowship with One  
Who walked, himself, where  
only love would stay,  
And, staying, wrought until  
His task was done.  
They only know love's fires in them burn;  
Fellowship with Christ is their concern.

—T. Moore Atkinson

fidelity, take up our cross, and let the power of God flow into our lives and through us into society.

If our lights are to so shine that they bring God glory, the inner light must be kept burning. We must practice the presence of God and we must practice doing the will of God. We must take time to be holy, to speak oft with our Lord. We must say No to lesser demands in order to say Yes to the things which count most. We must learn to be at home in the invisible world of the spirit, through prayer, through the fellowship, through finding and doing the loving will of God. Often indeed we must cry out, Lord, teach us how to pray, teach us how to live, and grant unto us in fuller measure the power which once turned the world upside down.

### Lessons for October

**October 4:** God's Design for a Better World—Isaiah 42:5-9; Mark 1:14, 15; John 3:16, 17; Revelation 21:1-5.

**October 11:** Jeremiah 31:31-34; 1 Peter 1:13-16, 22, 23.

**October 18:** New Men and a New World—Matthew 5:13-16; 2 Corinthians 5:17-19; James 2:14-18.

**October 25:** The War Against Beverage Alcohol—Isaiah 4:11-14; Matthew 18:6; Romans 13:11-14; James 4:17.

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student were presented with a copy of *Campus Gods on Trial* to put on the shelf with his school-books as a challenge to growth in Christian faith and knowledge, and as a warning against the other "gods of the campus" that will challenge his faith during college years.

But a recognition service, with the gift of a book or even a new Bible, is not enough. The continuing Christian growth and nurture of these students who are to be the leaders of our nation, of our communities and churches tomorrow, requires a through-the-year concern expressed through church papers, letters, personal conferences—and, most important, through a partnership with the church in the university community.

Often at a great sacrifice, our churches in the college and university communities increasingly are giving special care and attention to Disciple students who come from other towns into their communities for school. At many of the larger universities, a student center or house has been purchased near the campus, as a center for the activities of the Disciples Student Fellowship and the work of the church with students.

These centers and university community churches are able to minister most effectively to the needs of only those students whose home churches cooperate in supplying information and encouragement. I have a letter from a professor at a Southern state university, who declares: "Our church has tried hard to minister to students, but our efforts will continue to be feeble and ineffective until we have the active support and cooperation of the churches of this state."

Through study groups, work projects, recreation, projects in evangelism, and the multitude of activities which make up any healthy church youth program, student centers are seeking to create the sort of Christian community among students that will nurture "warm-fire" Christians. It is not easy to enlist the "lukewarm bath" Christian students in church work away from home. And instead of sending their "warm-fire" Christian students to the campus as "missionaries" to win their fellow students and faculty for Jesus Christ, their home churches too often are concerned only with their church attendance when they are home week ends.

Every year thousands of our "lukewarm bath" Christian young people, leave our church schools and youth groups, and their names are scratched off the membership rolls of such groups. Their moving on to a new community often means "graduation" from church. Yet this moving to a new community, such as a college campus, often provides an opportunity for the church to reach them anew. College years are years of crucial decisions about marriage, vocation, philosophy of life. If the church at home has sent information about the interests, needs, and religious information about students from its membership and constituency, the college community church is often in a strong position to rout the materialistic gods-

of-the-campus from the lives of many students.

Your prayers and concern are needed for each young person who leaves your church to go to a new life and work. But there must also be concern and this means some persons in the church-at-home who keep in touch with these young people until they are related to a church in the new community where they have gone. This also means supplying information to the pastor of the church in the new community, to assist him in reaching them.

This is not a job for pastors alone. Lay members must cooperate also and quickly, before the fires of faith grow "chilly" in the presence of the gods of "materialism," "nationalism," and "security."

## God's Living Letters

by Kirby Page

**T**HE Man With the Hoe" probably created a greater sensation upon publication than any other poem ever did. The first verse was written by Edwin Markham in 1886, but the poem was not completed until 1899.

The idea came to him when he first saw a copy of Millet's famous painting. Thirteen years later, in an exhibit of paintings in San Francisco, he saw the original. It haunted him and gave him no release until the poem was finished.

All the verses were first read at a literary gathering in San Francisco. The editor of the *San Francisco Examiner* was present, and exclaimed: "That poem will go down through the centuries." It appeared in the middle of the editorial page of the *Examiner* on December 28, 1899. Immediately it produced a rage of controversy. For six solid months the San Francisco paper carried a page of letters from readers about the poem.

**T**HE discussion was picked up by newspapers throughout the nation and abroad. A prize of two thousand dollars was offered for the best answer to it. The answer was printed and quickly passed into oblivion, but the verses for which Edwin Markham received forty dollars will long survive. Cartoons and editorials without number were printed, and numerous sermons were preached on the poem. It is included in practically all anthologies of poetry.

"The Man With the Hoe" has been translated into forty different languages. Somebody counted twelve thousand reprints from magazines and newspapers. Five thousand answers to it are known. It has been chanted in song by millions of workers throughout the earth.

The third, fourth and fifth stanzas came to Edwin Markham at dawn on three successive mornings. Each morning he arose and wrote down the words without effort. It was said that "no other poem ever swung so swiftly into the mouths of men from sea to sea."

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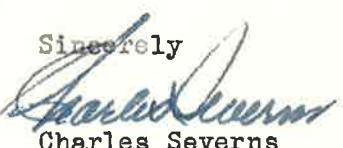
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Sincerely

  
Charles Severns

114 J. Street  
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Dr. and Mrs Kirby Page  
La Habra California

Dear Friends,

Altho you are actually  
acquaintances I nevertheless  
address you as friends.

I have been remiss in  
writing to thank you for your  
hospitality when my sister and  
I came up with the Bergers.

Last winter the Bergers hoped

into farther fields although I have  
but a voice.

I hope that you are both happy  
and well.

Did you decide on the time for the  
next meeting?

Although it is unlikely I could  
attend - still I might

Sincerely yours  
Helen Cernahan

To attend one of your meetings and  
had invited me also, but as it  
turned out they could not come.

The nature of your study appealed  
to me as I feel the need of something  
different than the usual pattern.

Also I was happy to have my  
sister Mrs. Kratz present who for  
over thirty years has been actively  
opposed to any spiritual interest.

Since my brother-in-law's  
death in March she is attending  
church.

I am grateful for my contact  
with Reverend and Mrs. Bliger  
who encourage me to range

of coming before the judgment bar of history, a little frayed and out of breath perhaps, but bearing the glad tidings as forerunners of the gospel of peace! I seek for my generation the rare joy of looking back across the tumbling years to see that the seeds of goodwill planted in a time of fear and force had grown into trees whose leaves are for the healing of the nations. I pray that we may be those whose efforts may make the wilderness and the solitary place glad, the desert blossom as the rose, the former desolations and waste cities into a highway which shall lead people to the city of our God.

All our spiritual concerns simmer down to what we are as persons. We have said that truth differs from knowledge because of the personal element in it. Wisdom may be cold and hard, but when it is embodied in a person it becomes warm and

## The Bible Is an Inspired Book

Kirby Page

THE Holy Bible is a record of God's revelation to man. There are two sides to revelation: the revealer and the receiver. The record of the revelation is written down as understood by the receiver.

The Bible is an inspired book. Its writers wrote under inspiration from the living God. By inspiration is meant a direct prompting from the Eternal. The Bible is not a dictated document. Its writers were not mechanical instruments in the hands of God. The revelation of God was recorded by free moral agents, not by robots or puppets or mechanical typewriters.

God's revelation is received through human minds, human emotions, human consciences, human wills. The Supreme Being created human beings in his own image, thus endowing them with the faculties needed for intercommunication. He speaks to us through our minds. His love is responded to by our emotions. He prompts us to action by moving our wills.

When we read in the Bible that God said thus and so, we must not conclude that these words are a verbatim record of audible sentences spoken by the Eternal. Rather they were written down as the result of thinking, feeling, praying. They were inspired in the high sense that God was near at hand, seeking to make clear his purpose, endeavoring to win their loving obedience. Inspiration is more exalted than dictation. Man is more than a typewriter; he is a precious child of his Father God.

God is the same, yesterday, today, and forever. But man's understanding grows and we must therefore recognize the progressive understanding of God's revelation recorded in the Holy Bible. And the pre-eminent revelation in our Lord provides the key for the understanding of the maturity of every passage of it.

9-8-53

Olivia W. Davis

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Dear Kirby: It was very disappointing to learn that you might not continue the Friday meeting this year - I learned later that this was due to a falling off of attendance in the summer. If there is any chance - not too burdensome to you to begin again in the fall - I would surely appreciate it. That Friday I attended was one of the most beautiful & helpful meetings I have known - Since you start again, the Friday before the first Saturday of the month would be best for me.

The Charles-Edward  
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Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, 1953

Dear Mr. Page:-

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Mary Brockman

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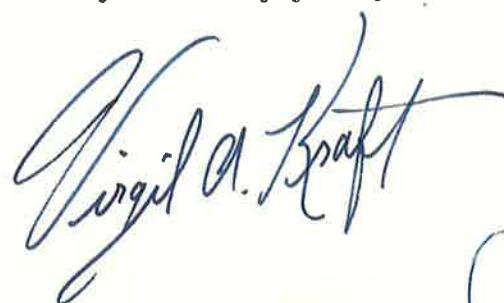
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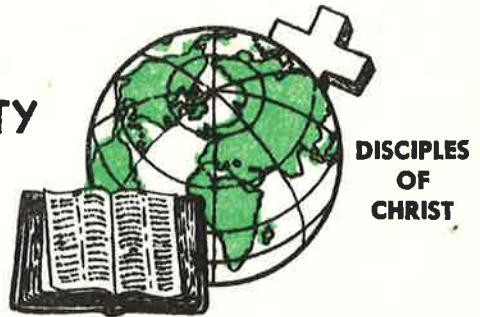
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Sincerely,

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Kirby

Thursday a.m.

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that it was quite beyond the range of reality."

Yours all the time,

*Carle*

September 10, 1953  
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Whittier, California

Good friends,

Here I am back in Whittier in the good old California smog. I learned many things during my stay at Spears Hospital in Denver. One thing - if I ever complain about my lot - just remind me. I just can't take so much hopeless living in one place at one time. But they are such good people that have the bad condition. My friends for life are among them. Folks were so good to me. The patients, orderlies, nurses, doctors, cooks, janitors - they were all such fine folks. Add to that the goodness of so many of you people who sent money for me to use and my heart is full. Do I have to say that friends from High School days on through to recent friends were among the givers.

I can't evaluate the treatment at Spears. First I was a misfit. I wasn't exactly a bed patient nor an ambulatory case. But I have been called an odd ball before. I do think I made some people feel better because I was around. I will go on with special treatments during the weeks ahead. One of these days this friend will walk in. I do it in my sleep now. What dreams I do have.

Thanks for wonderful letters. Grand letters from you good people made life so much better. Helen went with me by air. She came home and added her love letters to others to make me know I am loved.

Many of you people are praying daily for this guy. Don't stop because I am back. I believe so wholeheartedly in the combination of prayer and love. My back is more relaxed, my hips are more free and now and then my legs get a push. That must be a combination of Spears treatment and your thoughtful prayers.

Thanks again. I will try to keep pushing on with good living and a sureness of walking one day.

Your friend,

Butch (Arthur Boucher)

# Community Methodist Church

WOODRUFF AND GOLDEN WEST  
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA  
PHONE ATLANTIC 6-0231

RANDALL B. SCOTT, MINISTER  
5956 N. GOLDEN WEST AVENUE  
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA  
ATLANTIC 6-0930

September 11, 1953

LORENA CARTER, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION  
5950 N. GOLDEN WEST AVENUE  
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA  
ATLANTIC 6-7007

Dear Kirby:

I am glad that you are going to be available for more speaking engagements in our churches. A little later we hope to have you for a series, perhaps next winter or spring if you are free.

In the mean time can you come any one of three Sunday evenings soon: October 25, November 1 or 8. I have also submitted these three dates to The Bishop's Company.

Please let me know which of them is open, and I'll confirm the date by return mail, unless you have a telephone.

I do not know what you prefer to do for a single address; but we favor for this occasion something under "Living with Peace of Mind", perhaps the second or third theme under it.

I am sorry not to have the ministers' conversations as originally scheduled, but other responsibilities do make it almost impossible to be regular.

Enclosed is my check for \$8.40 to take advantage of the give-away bargains!

Fraternally,

*Randall*  
Randall B. Scott

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September 15, 1953.

Sometime in late 1927 or early 1928, Professor Harry F. Ward was in The World Tomorrow office, and I asked why he did not bring Reinhold Niebuhr to the faculty of Union Seminary. He replied that this would be done except for the lack of provision in the budget. He was in a hurry and I went with him through the Grand Central station and on the subway down to Wall Street. I asked if there was any other reason, and he said no, the only barrier to Reinie's coming was financial. I told him that Sherwood Eddy and I would be responsible for raising Reinie's salary for a three year period. I went immediately to Sherwood's office and talked the matter over with him. He called President Coffin on the telephone and gave assurance. The result was an early invitation to Reinie to join the Union faculty. It is my recollection that the Seminary soon took over the payment of his salary.

Kirby Page

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## Peace of Mind

By Kirby Page

TWILIGHT brings a blessing all its own. It is a lovely curtain separating day and night. The tumult and the shouting fade into silence and calmness settles on man's tired spirit. The gorgeous hues of sunset lose their riotousness and bring a soothing touch.

After supper it is good to sit in the garden or on the lawn. Let conversation become more subdued until it is silent. Be possessed by sad gladness. Respond to deep inner yearnings and longings unexpressed. Hear the Word of the Lord and wait for fuller revealing. With Eva Moad Turner view the approach of evening:

A shy wise reticence holds sway When in the lovely sequence the loud day Falls to the hush of twilight, With yet a hint of wondrous disclosure,

As though, within the purple shadows,

A door were to be unsealed And Beauty revealed:

A silvery silhouette against the first blue wall

Of night;

And a mystic, shadowy bird

Be heard

Singing low, sweet and low—

A song earth may not know.

But the moment passes undislosed—

One only sees

A star above the trees;

And hears a brown bird call

Sleepily to its mate at rest

In a hidden, high-hung nest.

Yet, the heart is strangely stirred To rapture,

And its aching longing stilled

As though a miracle had been fulfilled.



# Community Methodist Church

Main at Mariposa . . . El Segundo, California

MARVIN A. JOHNSON, MINISTER

HALSEY E. DEWEY, MINISTER IN INDIA

September 17, 1953

Dr. Kirby Page  
San Pedro, California.

Feb. 28  
March 7, 14, 21

Dear Dr. Page,

Our Commission on Worship and Evangelism met last evening to discuss plans for the year's work.

They have asked me to write to you to see if it would be possible for you to be with us for the four Sunday evenings in March, which would be the beginning of Lent. The theme was ~~not~~ definitely selected, but it will probably be either "Prayer" or "Living with Peace of Mind."

It would be possible, if it fits your schedule better to shift the four Sundays a week or two earlier or later.

We hope you can be with us.

Sincerely yours,

Marvin A. Johnson

September 17, 1953.

My dear Mrs. Brockman:

Many thanks for the book. I had intended to read it a long time ago. After finishing it many old memories flood my mind. I almost became Fletcher Brockman's secretary in 1916. He came to Chicago where I was in the university and persuaded me to come to New York, with two possibilities before me. I was to serve temporarily as secretary to Sherwood Eddy, and if Paul Danner who was secretary to Carter in India decided to stay there instead of joining Eddy as his secretary, then I was to continue with Eddy. If Danner began to work with Eddy, I was to go to China as your husband's secretary. Carter happened to be home on furlough, strongly desired to retain Danner, cabled K T Paul to bring pressure upon him to remain, with the result that Danner cabled, "staying India." That is how near we were to going to China!

I am one of the thousands whose lives were greatly blessed by Fletcher Brockman.

Cordially,



## First Methodist Church

Bailey at Friends . . . Whittier, California

MINISTERS—RUSSELL E. CLAY, VINCENT K. NUBLING, HERBERT JACKSON ROOT

September 18, 1953

4-7481

Dr. Kirby Page,  
Box 247,  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Kirby:

I notice in the Friends Service Bulletin that you are planning your own meetings rather than Vogel handling them. We are counting on you for four Sunday nights beginning October 18. I would appreciate it if you would give me a ring some morning at OK 4-7481 so that we might talk about it. I have tried several times to reach you by phone without success. If you have a mat we could use it in our church paper.

Had a wonderful time with the seminar group. Would like to talk with you about it some time before I write Eddy.

Received your card about discontinuing the group that was meeting at your home. Am sorry. If there is anything that I could do to help revive it, and you think wise, please let me know.

Sincerely,

REC:mw

Russell

Comer Nieto and The Toledo

Bay Shore Community Church

LONG BEACH 3, CALIF.

September 22, 1953

Dear Dr. Page:

We shall be looking forward to having you with us  
on Wednesday evenings, October 14, 21, 28, and November 4.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Anita Potter  
Secretary

Ray Magee Jr.  
Glendale YMCA  
Wilson St.  
Glendale

Dear Kirby Page:

September 23, 1953

Yesterday, Patrick Lloyd, Allan Hunter and myself went to see a place in the hills near Sunland which we hope to obtain for the holding of week-end prayer retreats and summer schools of prayer, training of retreat leaders, etc. It seems that this time the project will go through, for things keep opening up in the right way.

Allan has asked me ~~that~~ to ask for your advice, to just do some thinking out loud on the way you would like to see a retreat center run, the statement of purpose, the relationship to the denominations, the best ways to raise the money, etc. We already have a little money and hope to raise the rest by asking 50 to 100 people who are especially interested in prayer retreats to subscribe so much per year.

The place we have found is ideal in a number of ways. It is one half hour from Mt. Hollywood church and yet quiet and secluded. The buildings are already as though they were arranged for a retreat place.

Patrick thought it would be good if you were willing to tell your son-in-law about it with the hope that he would be interested enough to bring it up in the Orange Grove meeting.

Thanks to you.

Sincerely, *Ray*

*Bay Shore Community Congregational Church*

*Milton G. Gabrielson, Minister*

5100 The Toledo Avenue -:- Phone 90-0401  
LONG BEACH 3, CALIFORNIA

From the Minister's Study

September 25, 1953

Dr. Kirby Page  
La Habra, California

Dear Dr. Page:

After talking with you over the telephone, I received a call from the American Friends Service Committee office in Pasadena stating that Bob Vogel had booked you for the series with us this fall and that all past bookings would be taken care of by the Committee, but that future bookings would have to be made directly through you. Therefore, they would be furnishing publicity materials and advance notices for your series with us this fall, and, as usual, would expect an offering for the work of the A.F.S.C.

Two days ago we received a note from you in which you asked us to indicate the series desired and suggested an honorarium of \$25.00 would be satisfactory. I do not know whether the Pasadena office has contacted you as yet, since they said they would be in touch with you before mailing the publicity leaflets to us. I presume that by now you have made the arrangements with them or they with you, and that our former commitments with Bob Vogel will stand. Also, we had asked for the "Living With Peace of Mind". I was very happy to receive your post card on which you stated that October 14 was open, making it possible for you to be with us for the four Wednesday nights beginning with the 14th. We are looking forward, then to the series of four listed on your "Living With Peace of Mind" category.

Dr. Page, I would like to ask if in connection with your last lecture you would emphasize Christian stewardship. That is just prior to our Stewardship Emphasis Week and I am very anxious that above all else that be your emphasis. The importance of dedicating our talents as well as our material possessions to God in our endeavor to do is His will is what I am asking you to stress. It is so important that our people realize this emphasis in connection with Christian discipleship. Liberal people have a tendency to talk much about Christian discipleship and do very little as far as giving of their talents and their possessions is concerned. Our Board of Spiritual Welfare also feels very strongly that you are the man to drive home this emphasis, since we are especially urging all officers of the church

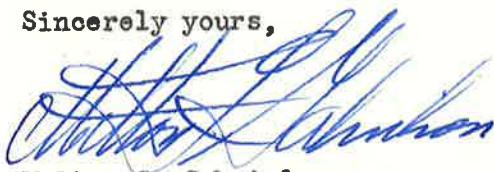
Dr. Kirby Page

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to be present throughout this series.

Trusting that all this will be satisfactory with you and that we may look forward to having you beginning Wednesday, October 14, at 7:45 p.m. and the three ensuing Wednesdays, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



Milton G. Gabrielson

MGG:ap

COMMITTEE FOR

# E. Stanley Jones

RECOGNITION DINNER • JANUARY 5, 1954

seventieth birthday observance and honoring forty-six years in His service

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

74 Egmont Street  
Brookline 46, Massachusetts

September 30, 1953

To the Friends and Admirers of Dr. E. Stanley Jones:

The occurrence of Dr. E. Stanley Jones' seventieth birthday early in January of 1954 offers a happy opportunity for his many friends to pay him honor for his many years of creative service for Jesus Christ.

On behalf of our Sponsoring Committee, I am writing to extend to you a cordial invitation to attend a Recognition Dinner, to be held at Riverside Church in New York City on January 5, 1954 at 6:30 P.M. Tickets are three dollars and fifty cents. Please make your reservations as early as possible and confirmation will be sent to you in December.

If you are one of the many who wants an opportunity to express personally to Dr. Jones your appreciation for his influence, both on you personally and to the cause of Christ around the world, we urge that you do so by writing a letter to him, or to one of our committee about him. Please send the letter in care of Harvey F. Kazmier, who is Chairman of Arrangements, at the above address. These letters will be appropriately bound in an ornamentally inscribed volume and presented to Dr. Jones at the dinner. We hope that this presentation may be a surprise, and therefore ask that you do not mail your letter directly to him.

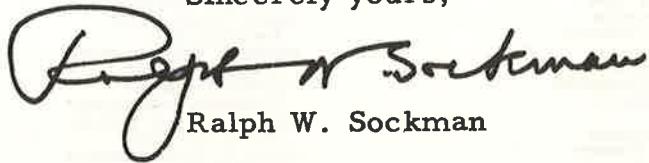
In order that your letter can be bound with the rest, please follow this form:

1. Write on your own letterhead or a sheet 8 1/2 by 11 inches.
2. Allow 1 1/2 inch left-hand margin for binding.
3. Please send your letter as early as possible.

It will be a heart-warming experience for Dr. Jones to read and re-read these messages in the days to come. You will, I know, take pleasure in putting into words your estimation of this Christian leader whose wisdom and influence continues to grow year by year.

Hoping that we may both see and hear from you.

Sincerely yours,



Ralph W. Sockman

RSW:dj

October, 1953.

Dear Friends:

Two years ago we were sent by the churches in Scotland to the United States and Canada to give our messages on India and experiences in Great Britain and other countries of Europe. During those eight months in the United States and Canada we addressed some 300 High Schools and Colleges, 250 Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs and other Luncheon Groups, various Women's Organizations, 100 churches, 30 Y.M.C.A. Annual Meetings and 50 Y's Men's Clubs besides many other groups.

We returned to India and Pakistan where we had the good fortune to see conditions and talk with many leaders including Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister. We returned to Europe some months ago to help in the work of the World Council of Churches and the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. in Scotland. The summer of 1953 we spent in France, Switzerland, Germany, Belgium and Denmark among Student and Church Groups

Our return to this side of the Atlantic at this time has been made possible by a good friend in Canada and requests from many friends who heard us on our former visit. We regretted it was impossible to see other friends two years ago because of our crowded schedule but we hope there will be opportunity this time.

We return to Europe in June 1954 and are available to visit and speak during this period and we may be addressed as follows:-

Nov.1st to Dec.15th - R.R. 13, Box 412, Indianapolis -20-Ind.

Dec.16th to Mar.15th-54 - 641 North Grove Ave.

Oak Park, Illinois.

Mar.15th to May 15th - R.R.13, Box 412, Indianapolis-20-Ind.

May 16th to June 16th - c/o Mr. J.Hiles Templin, Great

West Life Insurance Co., Pigott Building, Hamilton,  
Ontario, Canada.

A brief report of our work the past two years is enclosed.  
Hoping that we shall have the opportunity of seeing you during  
this present visit.

We remain,  
Your sincere friends

*Appadurai & Raaji Aaron*

# REPORT

After leaving the United States in June 1952, we returned to India. We had a wonderful opportunity awaiting us there. Some of the Indian friends in positions of responsibility and whom we had helped and befriended during their student days in Glasgow, Scotland, offered to help us to get a first hand impression of India after five years of independence and thus to enable us to understand some of the terrible problems of poverty, illiteracy and disease facing the young Democracy of India and to get an appraisal of the progress made by the new Indian Federal Government at Delhi under the leadership of Nehru and by the twenty-seven States which form the Indian Union. Incidentally also our friends wanted us to interpret public opinion in Britain, the United States and Canada to the educated Indian public in the main city centers.

These friends provided us with funds necessary to make this extensive travel mostly by air! India is fortunate in having a very efficient network of modern Airways covering all the main cities and towns. Travel in North India was pleasant because the country was cool and green after the monsoon rains. We covered many hundreds of miles each day both by air and railways as well as by motor bus and bullock carts! We often spoke at four meetings a day and visited rural agricultural, educational and community project centers, some of them under the leadership of American young people who were doing a remarkably sacrificial service under the most trying circumstances. We included also visits to State Legislatures and the Central Legislature at New Delhi. While in New Delhi we had the privilege of meeting and talking with India's Premier Jawaharlal Nehru and some of his ministers. It was a most staggering as well as a heart warming experience. Here were these great men faced with some of the most baffling problems, misunderstood and often unjustly criticized by both friend and foe alike, and yet sparing the time to talk in a most humble and passionately devoted way of their fears and hopes to unimportant people like us. We came away greatly inspired and full of confidence for India's future although here was a country about the size of Europe and with more than three hundred and eighty million people - three times the population of the United States - the poorest and most illiterate of any country in the world, attempting democratic form of government. An electorate of one hundred and eighty-two million voters of whom seventy-two per cent went to the polls at the first general election last year. While many are discouraged about India, the wonder is that India has successfully survived the first five testing years of her freedom without any sign of breakdown in the vast machinery of government. But thanks to the wonderful administrative machinery of government and an uncorruptible Civil Service passed on intact by Britain, on her handing over government in 1947 to India's untried hands. Everywhere one noticed great friendship, thankfulness and respect for Britain, the United States and Canada, especially great appreciation of the timely aid rendered by these great countries in men and money at a critical stage to build up India's economy both in the production of food through irrigation and training in simple modern scientific farming and in the building up of industries to relieve the pressure of population on the land.

People who had not seen India fifteen or twenty years before her independence might think that all that has been done so far has scarcely touched the fringe of India's problems. But those, especially Christian Missionary organizations and the faithful followers of Mr. Gandhi who have pioneered and labored among the poor and downtrodden villagers and who have trained the leadership and have patiently worked to the conquering of India's age old problems, feel great encouragement in the progress made.

While India has successfully escaped the fate of China during these five years, yet everywhere there was a haunting fear lest India may yet be wrecked on the rocks of corruption and nepotism in government and cruel and selfish greed in industry and commerce. The West may help rapidly to modernize India by introducing western gadgets and technique. But unless these scientific gadgets and modern technique from the West are accompanied by some of the Western disciplines that enable them to work justly and with some sense of values, then there is bound to be chaos and suffering. With all the faults of the West, a background and tradition of Christian standards accepted through many generations has made Western civilization a blessing in many respects.

A country like India, a foremost democratic country in the East with a wealth of religious culture behind it, cannot be rebuilt on materialistic foundations. Hence the need for a fellowship of the Christian West with the India of Buddha and Gandhi.

We returned to Europe at the end of 1952 and we have been helping the Missionary Education work of the churches in Scotland, speaking and raising money for the World Service work of the National Y.M.C.A. of Scotland.

This past summer we visited France, Germany, Switzerland and Denmark, addressing Missionary and student conferences. In coming back to the United States and Canada at this time we hope to bring to you and other friends some of the impressions we have gained and share some of our hopes for the future.

# *Biographical Notes of Commodations*

## APPADURAI AND RANJITHA AARON from India and Europe

India of today would rejoice the heart of George Washington and the founders of America. Four hundred millions of people in Middle Asia have launched a democracy patterned after the constitution of the United States. Will they succeed? Mr. and Mrs. Aaron bring a thrilling story from their homeland after visiting scores of leaders in India, the Middle East and Europe. When Mr. Aaron was in the United States and Canada in 1928 and 1929 he addressed the International Rotary Convention in St. Paul and the Rotary Clubs in Chicago, Toronto, Ottawa, Cleveland, Wichita, Tulsa, Beaumont, etc. Mr. and Mrs. Aaron spoke before civic, college, church and social groups in many of our leading cities.

Twenty-five years ago Mr. and Mrs. Aaron came to America for post-graduate study. They had obtained the BA and Bachelor of Education degrees in India. At the University of Michigan Mrs. Aaron did research work in Education and received her MA degree. Mr. Aaron received his MA degree in Rural Reconstruction from the University of Chicago and the degree of Bachelor of Association Science at the George Williams College (YMCA) in Chicago. They were asked to proceed to Glasgow, Scotland where hundreds of picked young men from India and Middle Asia were coming for western education. During the past twenty years they have reached more than 11,800 students, many of whom are now the new leaders in Southern Asia. They returned to India every three years and contacted these new leaders in their various countries such as India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma, Malaya, Palestine and Egypt. Their intimate knowledge, backed by years of close contact and observation make them trustworthy interpreters of conditions in these countries and the aspirations of their peoples.

As a student Mr. Aaron became interested in YMCA work. He was secretary of the first student conference in the Tamil area of South India. After graduation he joined the staff of the Madras Association, later going to the summer capital of the Madras Presidency as General Secretary. His study-fellowship in America twenty five years ago was a recognition of his splendid work in Cotacamund. The YMCA of India maintains student centers in London and Glasgow to serve as a home away from home for hundreds of students coming out of Middle Asia. Mr. and Mrs. Aaron have been in charge of this highly multiplying work in Glasgow where they have helped thousands of young men and women. They have worked so effectively among the youth and the churches of Scotland that one of the Scottish business men says that in his opinion they have been one of the finest influences in Scotland during these difficult years. Mr. Aaron has addressed the National Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Their work has extended to Germany, France, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Belgium, Holland and Switzerland. In June of 1951 they were speaking in Italy and were received by the Pope. Mrs. Aaron has been active in YWCA work throughout Great Britain.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron have worked in India and Europe for the ecumenical church. The South India United Church is one of the finest church unions in the world. Its influence and that of the Christian communities is out of all proportion to their numbers. It is inspiring to hear that Prime Minister Nehru has had two Christians in his cabinet, with the Governor of Bombay an outstanding Christian.

Mr. Aaron speaks on the following subjects:

- "Six Years of Indian Freedom"
- "Will Communism Win in India"
- "Constructive Changes in India"
- "American Influence in India"
- "Gandhi's Influence in Present Day India"
- "The Church Accepts the Communist Challenge in India"
- "Nehru, World Statesman"

Mrs. Aaron speaks on the following subjects:

- "What Shall We Think of India"
- "A New Day for the Women of India"
- "India Through Indian Eyes"
- "A Hindu Mother Becomes a Christian"
- "Indian Women's Debt to America"

### *What They Say:*

"I say with enormous conviction that no two people could be traveling around the United States and Canada with greater gifts for interpretation of the situation in India and of international relationship than you and Mrs. Aaron."

Robert C. MacKie D.D. Director of World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland.

P.T.O

"The Aarons were at the World Fellowship dinner Tuesday night (Oct. 9, 1951) and fine as the finest."

Ethan Colton, author, lecturer and world traveler past forty years.

"Mr. and Mrs. Aaron are friends of many years. Mr. Aaron was my associate in India. I am pleased that they are making this visit to the United States and Canada at this present time for they will bring messages of understanding and inspiration which will be greatly appreciated."

Dalton F. McClelland, Secretary  
World Services YMCA

"For their own sakes and for the sake of the Christian work in which they are engaged, I would warmly commend them to such representatives of the Christian Churches in the United States and Canada as they may meet or take counsel with in the course of their visit."

The Rt. Rev. J. Pitt-Watson D.D.  
Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

"They have always proved themselves excellent and delightful ambassadors to represent their own part of the world and the cause of international peace and goodwill. I am quite sure that they would be well received wherever they might go."

The Very Rev. Principal John Baillie, D.D.  
Principal of New College and Dean of the Faculty of Divinity, University of Edinburgh.

"They have visited India and Western Europe recently and in many ways have carried the message of hope and confidence. I commend them to fellow Christians in business as well as in all work connected with youth and student life."

Sir John Craig, Chairman Messrs. Colvilles Ltd.  
Glasgow and President Scottish National Council YMCAs

"They are well qualified for their mission to the United States and Canada and I am sure that those who meet and hear them will count it a privilege to have done so."

Sir Hector Hetherington,  
Principal University of Glasgow.

"From my own personal and close association with Mr. and Mrs. Aaron over a good number of years I am satisfied that there are few today who have had equally wide experience of members of so many nationalities. Their devoted and enthusiastic Christian vision enables them to utilize these experiences in such a way that a new hope for the future is brought to their hearers and as ambassadors of a deep and wide internationalism based upon the foundations of Christianity, they are, I am sure in a unique position."

James Adair, Chairman National Council YMCA of Scotland.

"I believe that we in Milwaukee all feel that this was one of the finest World Service interpretations that we have ever had the privilege of hearing."

E.A. Jossi, Assistant General Secretary,  
Milwaukee YMCA

"One of the most delightful experiences of the year came to the church last Sunday as you spoke to us." Rev. Harold Jensen, Pastor First Baptist Church, Seattle, Washington.

"They did a remarkable interpretive job for us and were warmly received by all the 2700 persons who heard them speak in the eighteen different meetings."

Edwin P. Irwin, Assistant to General Secretary YMCA, St. Louis, Missouri.

# First METHODIST CHURCH

Fullerton, Calif.

Owen M. Geer  
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Ministers  
Minister of Music  
Parish Visitor

114 N. Pomona  
LAmber 5-2350

October 2, 1953

Kirby Page  
Box 247,  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Kirby:

I am sorry to hear that the Prayer Fellowship has been discontinued for the present time. Perhaps it will be possible for you to start it again in the future. We really do cherish those hours with you and Alma and our friends and hope that this doesn't mean giving them up entirely.

I'm enclosing an order for some books. I appreciate getting these at the bargain prices.

Best wishes to you and Alma for all the fine things you have been doing for us.

Sincerely,

*Owen M. Geer*

Owen M. Geer

OMG/rr

# Trinity Methodist Church

THORN AND GRIM STREETS • SAN DIEGO 4, CALIFORNIA  
PASTOR EDGAR T. ZIMMERMAN

October 6, 1953

Kirby Page,  
La Habra, Calif.

A  
**CHRISTIAN  
FELLOWSHIP  
OF FAMILIES  
dedicated to God  
and united in  
WORSHIP  
STUDY  
ACTIVITIES  
WORK  
AND PLAY**

Dear Kirby:

Thank you for mailing the booklets to us. Enclosed is \$5.00 toward the bill. We are selling some of them and distributing others to sick and shut-ins.

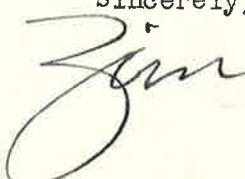
We would like to get you for the series, "Living With Peace of Mind" for February. Those dates being on Monday nights at 7:30 p. m. Would it be possible to have you speak informally at a pot-luck meeting each Monday to a specific group such as, youth; young adults; men's club? We will try to meet expenses with a free-will offering since nothing is provided in budget here. We are limited this year in trying to get finances for essential projects. Helen and I wondered if you would like to share our new parsonage? It has a large room and separate bath plus storage closet which Alma and you could use. It is almost like a private apartment. You could come and go as you pleased although we would like to have you eat with us as often as it would be convenient while you are in this area. Good spot for your car, too. Have I convinced you to stay in the choicest area in San Diego?

Our plan for February is this: to have you speak on this series; then we will use Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings to go out on a Visitation Evangelism campaign. There are lots of people in this section of the city who ought to be reached.

Any suggestions you would like to make please feel free to share them. I hope that we can secure you for this time of year. Your San Diego representative suggested I write direct to you. We had our Commission on Membership and Evangelism last night and they are favorable to this plan. Our Official Board endorsed it so the mechanics are out of the way; now for some content!

Greetings to Alma.

Sincerely,





# CLEVELAND NEWS

Oct. 6, 1953

Dr. Kirby Page,  
Box 247,  
LaHabra, Cal.

Dear Dr. Page:

This note is simply to inform you that we're running short of your "religion in life" copy.

I have only enough to run through the second week in November. If you could send me additional copy soon, it would be appreciated greatly.

Incidentally, I think you've done a grand job in the series, many readers of the church page commenting favorably on it.

May I wish you continued success and all good wishes.

Sincerely,

April 17-10

Wm Dinwoodie

William Dinwoodie  
Church Editor

# OFFICE OF THE METHODIST CHAPLAIN

*at the University of Chicago*

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VIRGIL A. KRAFT, *Chaplain*  
*Pastor, Bethel Parish of Chicago*  
*Director of Religious Broadcasting, Station WSEL*

October 7, 1953

Mr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, California

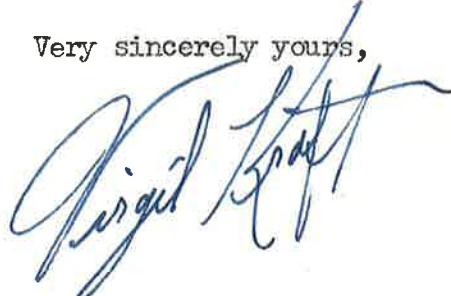
My dear Mr. Page:

With your permission, and if I can locate a good reader, we would like to use your series, LIVING WITH PEACE OF MIND, as a daily radio feature, on the basis of "public service."

It would be identified as your message, and by surrounding it with appropriate music, I am sure it will be a great blessing to the people.

We have articles 1 to 66. If there are not enough for a daily program, we could make it weekly or several days a week.

Very sincerely yours,



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# C.B.Y.F. NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

AUGUST 23-27, 1954

Anderson, Indiana

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Church of the Brethren Youth Fellowship  
22 S. State Street, Elgin, Illinois

October 8, 1953

Oct 23 - 27

Dr. Kirby Page  
P.O. Box 247  
La Habra,  
California

Dear Brother Page:

Next summer, during the latter part of August, the Church of the Brethren Youth Fellowship is sponsoring a mass, brotherhood-wide youth conference, the first that has ever been tried in our denomination. We would like you to serve as our guest leader if that is at all possible.

The conference will be held at Anderson, Indiana, August 23 to 27, 1954. We have set our goal for between 1500 and 2000 young people, predominantly of high-school age. The program will be of a popular, inspirational sort, with music, drama and pageantry, as well as speeches.

(24)

The assignment for our guest leader will run something like this: Tuesday through Friday morning, a forty-minute Bible hour. In these four sessions we would like to get an over-all, bird's-eye view that will pull together the entire sweep of Bible history and literature. We are concerned that our young people see that the Bible is essentially one revelation, rather than a chance collection of material that has no unity or continuity. Though perhaps Bible scholarship has not been the main-line emphasis of your ministry, we feel that you have the approach and the spirit which we want. You would come with an additional advantage of having some knowledge of the Church of the Brethren and, conversely, of your name already being known among our young people.

(24)

The second part of the guest leader's assignment would be a major address on Tuesday evening (this being the only evening in which the program will include a speech). For this address, we give you complete liberty to say whatever you feel needs to be said. We want whatever seems most pertinent to you.

Could you let us know right away as to whether you will be available so that, if necessary, we can contact other choices. Also, will you inform us as to your usual fee for such an engagement and any other information we ought to have.

I hope that it will be possible for you to be with us; we want that which you have to give.

Yours in Christ,

Bernard Eller,  
Youth Editor

C. RAY DOBBINS, EDITOR  
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October 8, 1953

Dr. Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Dr. Page:

You were very kind to write me and send the information which I had asked for. You will note in our October 20 issue, on the editorial page, my use of the material which you have sent.

Of course we are very anxious to continue receiving your material and hope you will put us on your list to receive the 1954 series.

I did not have any question in my own mind regarding this matter, but I wrote you in order to get some facts on which I could base a suitable reply to any who had questions in their minds.

Thank you very sincerely for the ministry which you are rendering.

Cordially,

*C. Ray Dobbins*  
C. Ray Dobbins  
EDITOR

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# FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

9 NORTH ALMANSOR STREET  
ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA  
ATLANTIC 9.4258  
FRED B. TROTTER, MINISTER

October 9, 1953

Dr. Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247  
La Habra, Calif.

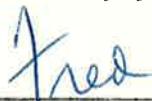
My dear Kirby:

Certainly I want to have you with my people here in Alhambra. This, however, is not an appropriate time.

I am starting a series of lectures and study groups on October 18th with Roy L. Smith as the leader. Naturally, we are focusing upon this event and there will have to be a lapse of some time before we repeat a similar program. However, I can think of no more stimulating experience than to sit at your feet for one whole week.

I just got word that I am a delegate to the World Council next year. I would like to go to this gathering alert as to its significance, so if you have any suggestions, please do not hesitate to drop a line.

Very cordially yours,

  
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Fred B. Trotter

FBT-GK

# RELIGION IN LIFE

BY KIRBY PAGE

## Rufus Jones Turned Back on Law To Become Dynamic Teacher

Rufus Jones belongs to the unending succession of saints, that long line of God-saturated men and women who have been the chief benefactors of the human race.

He was born in Maine in 1863 and lived until 1948. After finishing at the Friends' Boarding School at Providence, he entered Haverford College, with its 80-student and unexcelled faculty. Later he was to study at Oxford, Heidelberg, and Harvard. His original plan was to become a lawyer, and the way opened for him to do this through the generous offer of a friend to make it financially possible.

### Destined to Teach

Later that night "an opening" made it clear to him that he was not intended for the law. He was destined to teach, beginning at a Quaker boarding school at Union Springs, New York, then to his old boarding school in Providence, and on to another one in Maine.

In 1890 he was "recorded" as a

minister of the Society of Friends. In 1893 he began teaching at Haverford, becoming one of the most dynamic and creative teachers in the history of education. For fifteen years concurrently he continued as editor of the "Friends' Review" and its successor "The American Friend."

### Wrote 57 Books

During this first decade he traveled among Friends throughout the nation an average of 10,000 miles per year. For 35 years he was active in the direction of Bryn Mawr College and he was primarily responsible for the founding of the American Friends Service Committee. In his "spare time" he wrote 57 books and uncounted articles and editorials.



AUTHOR TO ST  
TO MINIST

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## Antioch Church to Hail Dr. McKinney's Jubilee

A crusading minister, who has long been recognized as a leader in community and religious affairs, Sunday begins the celebration of his 25th anniversary as Antioch Baptist Church, Cedar Ave. at E. 89th St.

He is Dr. Wade H. McKinney, who was elected president of the Ministerial Association of Greater Cleveland in 1944 and foreman of the County Grand Jury in 1951.

### Looks Back Over Years

Dr. McKinney will look back over the 25 years in his sermon at 10:45 Sunday morning on "The Story of My Pilgrimage."

At 3:30 p. m.

the church and its

members

Monday, Oct. 1

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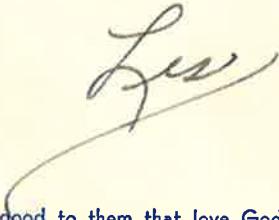
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CANOGA PARK :: C. L. Palmer, Minister :: P. O. Box 191  
COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH :: :: Canoga Park, Calif.

October 10, 1953

We would like to have you in C. P. again but it is felt that in fairness to the west valley as a whole your meetings should be set up in some other church if possible. I will present this matter at the ministerial association next Wednesday morning and then let you know.

Yours sincerely,



"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God."—Rom. 8:28

October 12, 1953

Dear Friend:

Yes, I gladly accept your important invitation and will plan to come to your National Youth Conference at Anderson, Indiana, August 23-27, 1954.

It is an honor to be asked to assume such responsibility and I will take seriously my responsibility.

It will be necessary to make the trip from here and return by train. Whatever financial arrangements you make will be satisfactory to me.

I know a good deal about the Church of the Brethren and its work, but it would be helpful if you could lend me such books, pamphlets and articles as you think would be helpful to me.

With eager and prayerful anticipation,

Cordially,

SY 95169

c/o Hugh Anderson  
831 Milan Ave.  
South Pasadena  
California

Oct. 12, 1953

Dear Friends:

We have heard you are interested in the life of international community we are living in Paraguay. My wife and I arrived in Los Angeles a few days ago and we are taking this, our first opportunity, of letting you know we are here. For the time being we shall be in the Los Angeles vicinity but later we hope to visit other places along the Pacific Coast. If all goes well we shall be in California for about a year.

From our correspondence we can see already that there is a widespread interest in community out here and we are looking forward immensely to meeting all of you who are in some way known to us and to the new friends we hope to make either in groups or individually. Above you will see our address and if you would like to see us we hope you will write soon or phone us so that we can make plans for spending the next months most advantageously. Please telephone before 9: A.M.

Our immediate task is to get help for the work we are doing in Paraguay, but our primary concern is to encourage people to seek a life of greater fellowship and live it. This is the main thing! We feel it to be more necessary than ever before that a simple and brotherly life should be established in the face of the ever-increasing complexity and fear in society today.

So if you want to see us or arrange meetings for us we would be glad to hear from you and sign ourselves,

Yours in Friendship,

George and Gertie Vigar  
Primavera, Paraguay

Frank Hall was very anxious that we should get into touch with you. He returned from PRIMAVERA some weeks ago

Mt. Hollywood Congregational Church

ALLAN A. HUNTER, MINISTER

PROSPECT AVENUE AND RODNEY DRIVE

NORMANDY 0303

LOS ANGELES 27, CALIF.

Oct 13

Dear Knutly

How good it will be to  
have a real mat.

How is next Tues a —  
here<sup>1937 May</sup> — write Helen B - Oct 20  
say 8.30 a.m.?

Thanks for letting me  
on the rate for L. G.

I hope you don't lose  
too much on it.

Best  
All

From Your Minister

Dear Kirby : -

MARENGO AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH  
1701 Acacia Street, Alhambra, Calif.

Thank you for your note and offer  
of dates. I am not sure about the financial  
response but I shall ask my Board  
(since I am new here) about your coming  
at the November session. I shall write  
you later.

Oct 14, 1953  
San Fernando

Sincerely,  
LAWRENCE WARREN, Minister

# KIRBY PAGE

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*Corner Granada and The Toledo (Belmont Shore area), Long Beach, California*

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NOVEMBER 4	REDEEMED BY DOING THE WILL OF GOD	

7:45 p.m.

Address by Kirby Page

8:30 p.m.

Audience Discussion with Kirby Page

~~AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE~~

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#### ADMISSION FREE

An opportunity will be given to contribute to the Peace Education Program of the American Friends Service Committee.



# FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OF LA MESA

KENNETH P. MILLER, Minister

8277 Lemon Avenue  
La Mesa, California  
Telephone H6-4163

October 14, 1953

8414 Lemon Avenue  
Telephone H6-3604

Dr. Kirby Page

La Habra, Calif.

Dear Dr. Page :

I appreciated your note regarding the possibility of your being in the San Diego area in February. The matter will be brought up before the Official Board of our church Monday, October 19th. We will let you know the results as soon as possible. We would be interested in Wednesday night only, if they vote to invite you, which I hope they will.

Most sincerely,



Kenneth P. Miller

KPM:bms

# RELIGION IN LIFE

BY KIRBY PAGE

## Mary McLeod Bethune Led Tourists to Invest in Florida College

Mary McLeod Bethune has become a foremost educator and an honored citizen of the land.

She was born in South Carolina of parents who had been slaves, yet on her 75th birthday felicitations poured upon her from Supreme Court justices, legislators, scientists, educators, church leaders.

Mary was one of seventeen children, and grew up in the cotton field. One day Emma Wilson came to their cabin with the suggestion that Mary enroll in a school which she was opening in the tiny living room of a shack in the Negro section near the railway tracks.

At twelve she was graduated, and Mary Crissman of Denver provided a scholarship which enabled her to attend Scotia Seminary in North Carolina. Here she remained for seven years, earning her expenses, and receiving the equivalent of a junior college education.

### Deeply Religious

Mary was a deeply religious young woman and desired to go as a missionary to Africa. The same benefactor enabled her to enter Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. She came under the guidance of Dwight L. Moody and was enriched by her experiences in field work in the slums. After graduation she journeyed to New York, only to be told by the mission board that there was no opening for a Negro in Africa.

### Founded School

For several years she taught school, married, and started a school of her own in Daytona Beach, Fla. It was soon discovered that she had a persuasive way with rich tourists. Her school prospered and was enlarged many times, until today Bethune-Cookman College has property valued at a million dollars. Her fame spread across the continent, and she was invited to important conferences at the White House. This little girl traveled from the cotton fields of South Carolina to the councils of the great.

### Episcopal

#### INCARNATION

618 E. 105th St. (North of St. Clair)  
The Rev. W. Howard Graham, Pastor  
8:00 A. M., Holy Communion  
9:30 A. M., Church School  
11 A. M., Morning Prayer and Sermon  
11 A. M., Nursery and Church School

#### ST. PAUL'S

Fairmount and Coventry  
The Rev. John L. O'Bear  
The Rev. Richard Harig  
Walter Boldgett, Music  
8 a. m., Holy Communion  
11:00 A. M., Morning Prayer



## INSTALL PASTOR AT COVENANT

The Rev. Cyril Mark Wismar, above, will be installed as minister of the Lutheran Church of the Covenant, 19000 Libby Rd., Maple Heights, at 3 p. m. Sunday. Dr. Adolph Wismar of Valparaiso, Ind., father of the minister, will deliver the sermon.

### Methodist

#### CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR

LEE AND BRADFORD ROADS  
Howard J. Brown, D.D., Minister  
9:45 A. M. SUNDAY SCHOOL  
11 A. M.: MORNING WORSHIP  
"THE IDEAL LAYMAN"  
Dr. Brown will preach

#### EPWORTH-EUCLID

East 107th St. at Chester  
Anniversary Service 11:00 A. M.  
"THE ROYAL ROAD TO FAITH"  
Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.  
"WHAT MAKES A CHURCH?"  
Both Sermons by  
Oscar Thomas Olson, D.D., LL.D.

#### FIRST METHODIST

Euclid Avenue at E. 30th St.  
Minister:  
Carroll Lewis, D. D.  
MORNING WORSHIP 10:30  
"Little Man's Big Problem"  
DR. LEWIS  
Church School—9:30 a. m.  
Sunday Evening Club—6:15 P. M.  
Methodist Youth Fellowship—7:30  
Prayer Service, Wed., 7:30 p. m.

#### RIDGEWOOD OF PARMA

6330 Ridge Rd. Paul M. Ward, Minister  
Morning Services 9:30 and 11:15.  
Church School 9:30 and 11:15 A. M.  
ST. JOHN'S A.M.E. 2261 E. 40th St.  
Dr. A. S. King  
10:30 A. M. Morning Worship

#### Nazarene

#### First Church of the Nazarene

Hayden Ave. at Claborne Rd., E. C.

James E. Hunton, Pastor

Vesey Stemm, Minister of Music

9:30 A. M. Church

Sat. Nite 7:45

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### FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

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*7:00  
7:30* p.m.

Address by Kirby Page — followed by forum discussion

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74 WEST MARSHALL ROAD  
LANSDOWNE, PA.

October 18, 1953

Dear Alma and Kirby,

How are you both? Both working hard, no doubt. One at the typewriter and the other in the garden, I bet.

We are having beautiful autumn weather. Each day seems to be prettier than the one before. Daddy and I worked in the yard all morning, raking leaves.

Of course by the time we'd finished, it could have been done all over again. Can't remember when it rained, consequently things are extremely dry & the farmers are really hoping for rain.

I guess you can imagine how many times I've gone

74 WEST MARSHALL ROAD  
LANSDOWNE, PA.

over the details of my wonder-  
ful trip and shown the slides  
& other pictures to various friends.  
I will enclose the one of you  
taken in your yard. I like  
it particularly well.

I feel ashamed, as I write  
this letter, since it is nearly  
two months over-due. I do want  
you to know just how much I  
enjoyed my visit with you folks.  
I would have & missed it  
for anything. Your place is  
just heavenly - so pretty and  
restful. Can't tell you how  
many times I've thought about  
you and the nice visit I had.  
Surely did appreciate every-  
thing you did, from the drive  
out to the hospital, Newport Beach,  
Knott's Berry Farm & to Santa Catalina.  
It would have been easy to  
spend a whole summer in

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LANSDOWNE, PA.

such an ideal spot, time permitting that is. Thanks  
saddles again and please excuse  
any delay in writing.

After returning to San Francisco,  
I saw many more sights there and  
then the last of Aug. I flew home  
air-tourist on S.U.A. Lines. I  
enjoyed the flight immensely  
but didn't see many sights  
other than the top side of the  
clouds, however, by moonlight  
up so high, was quite impressive.

When I landed in Phila. the  
temperature was up to 100°. That  
really slapped me in the face  
after leaving "coal" San Fr. in the  
50's.

Mother and Daddy are getting  
more enthused about their ante-  
cipated trip every day. I'm convinced  
that they will both go now. Would  
be a wonderful trip for both of them.

Mother plans to write you very  
soon concerning it.

Right now, we're watching  
"What's My Line" on T.V., one of  
Daddy's favorite programs. Gets  
up till 11:00 P.M. every Sunday  
to see it.

Hope you are both well  
and not working too hard.

Much love,  
Alice

P.S.

Regards to Marie and Perry.

First Christian Church

ARROWHEAD AVENUE AT TENTH STREET  
SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA  
Telephone 8-6534

October 20, 1953

Dr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Dr. Page:

I appreciated your suggestion of October 7,  
and I shall take before some of our groups in the  
Church the description of the different series  
that you might bring.

I hope that we can arrange to have you with  
us in some weekly series within the next few  
months.

Very cordially yours,

*James Parrott*  
James Parrott

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Canoga Park  
Community Methodist  
Church

P. O. Box 191

Canoga Park, California

Nov 19, 26, Dec 3, 10

Jan 7, 14, 21, 28

October 21, 1953

Dr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

The matter of your appearing again this year in the West San Fernando Valley in a series of lectures was introduced yesterday at the West ~~Valley~~ San Fernando Valley Ministerial Association meeting by yours truly (Of which I have been elected president for the coming year). Because of the diversity of those represented in the association it cannot itself sponsor your series, as was the case last year. However, it is felt by those interested that, if possible, you should appear out here again this season, but at another location than Canoga Park in order that availability might be spread around.

Rev. Edmund R. Warne of the Reseda Community Methodist Church in Reseda expressed a definite interest in having you there but on nights other than Wednesday.

Also interested are---

✓ Rev. Melvin H. Harter  
Woodland Hills Community Church (Congregational)  
Woodland Hills, Calif.

✓ Rev. David A. E. Sward  
Christ the King Lutheran Church (ULC)  
6931 Nestle Avenue  
Reseda, California

✓ Rev. Scott Brewer  
First Presbyterian Church of Encino  
4963 Balboa Blvd.,  
Encino, California

If I can be of further help in lining up any meetings in any of these situations please let me know.

MINISTER  
C. L. Palmer

Yours sincerely,

C. L. Palmer



October 22, 1953

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Mr. Kirby Page  
Box 247, South End Sapota Drive  
La Habra, California

Dear friend Kirby:

I am planning to use a chapel period with some words of appreciation concerning the late Dean Kershner, who was President of T.C.U. around 1913. Please give me the exact dates of your service with him as his secretary. If you care to add any comment, I would be happy to make note of your recollections of this truly good and great man.

Best wishes to all the family.

Cordially your friend,

*alfred DeGroot*  
A. T. DeGroot, Dean

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October 23, 1953

Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247  
La Habra,  
California

Dear Brother Page:

We were very happy to receive your acceptance for our National Youth Conference date. We will now look forward to next summer with even greater anticipation than before.

I am sending you, under separate cover, a packet of pamphlet materials that will give some explanation about the background and belief of the Brethren. If you feel that you want an even more extensive development in the form of a book, we shall be happy to send you that also.

We will keep you informed from time to time as to the details of our conference program.

Thank you again for your gracious acceptance.

Yours in Christ,

Vernard Eller

Vernard Eller

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FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

928 LAGOON AVENUE  
WILMINGTON, CALIFORNIA

ARTHUR T. KENT, PASTOR

RESIDENCE 1129 RAVENNA AVENUE  
TELEPHONE TERMINAL 4-4621

OFFICE TELEPHONE  
TERMINAL 4-6884

October 23, 1953.

Dear Kirby,

I have been trying to find a way by which it would be worthwhile for you to come to Wilmington. The dates you suggested are almost impossible due to conflicts.

Also I doubt very much if I could drum up enough of our folks to make it worth your while.

The Presbyterians are getting

a new minister from the East  
If I can interest him in  
such a series we might  
be able to make it  
worth while. I do not  
think other ministers here  
would even consider it.

Sincerely  
Arthur T. Neut.



REV. P. F. REX

## Rex to Take Over as Dean of Cathedral

Installation of the Rev. Percy F. Rex as dean of Trinity Cathedral, Euclid Ave. at E. 22d St., will take place at 4 p. m. Sunday.

At the same time, the Rev. Lawrence H. Hall will be installed as canon and the Rev. David Loegler, national chaplain of the Diocese, as honorary canon.

Opp. Nelson M. Burroughs Vicariate at the installation shop Beverly D. Tucker, shop of Ohio, will read of institution.

It will be delivered by George Emerson, dean cathedral.

In the service of Irwin C. Roach, former, O., the president of Nazarene; John

## RELIGION IN LIFE

BY KIRBY PAGE

### Susanna Wesley, Mother of 19, Lived To See Children Honored

Susanna Wesley's husband was a great man, two of her sons became world famous, and their debt to her was beyond repayment.

Susanna was the 25th child of Dr. Samuel Annesley, himself a great man.

She was a cousin of the Earl of Anglesey and moved in the highest circles. Her biographer notes that Susanna was pretty and retained her beauty even after she had borne 19 children.

#### Married at 20

At twenty she married the Rev. Samuel Wesley, and four years later they moved to the little market town of Epworth. Mr. Wesley was in debt when they arrived and went further in debt to repair the dilapidated house. In fact, he was in debt much of their lifetime and was imprisoned for three months in the infancy of John.

His salary was low, his barn fell down, he lost his crop of flax, and the price of grain was low. When John was six the rectory burned, all members of the family being rescued, although for an agonizing

moment they thought that John had burned to death.

Charles was the 18th child, born prematurely and exceedingly frail. Two other sons, in addition to John and Charles, became scholars of note, so her old age was blessed with the knowledge that her sons were serving God. Susanna Wesley died in 1742, in her 74th year, having earned the acclamation, "You far outdo them all!"

#### Methodist

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Dr. Brown will preach

##### EPWORTH-EUCLID

East 107th St. at Chester

MORNING WORSHIP, 11:00 A. M.

"THE RIGHTNESS OF GOD"

By Oscar Thomas Olson, D.D., LL.D.

EVENING WORSHIP, 7:30 P. M.

"The Love of God: The Prodigal"

By Richard B. Lugabill

##### FIRST METHODIST

Euclid Avenue at E. 30th St.

Minister:

Carroll Lewis, D. D.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30

"I BELIEVE . . . ."

DR. LEWIS

Church School—9:30 a. m.

Sunday Evening Club—6:15 p. m.

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Oct. 28, 1953

Dr. Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247  
La Habra, California.

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Dear Kirby:

Your note regarding your winter schedule came the day after our committees met, when I wish I could have presented the suggestion. I am trying to get three of our committees interested in a series with you as speaker--Membership, Social Action, and the Worship committee.

We're trying in every way to get our people to make decisions and do the planning.

Tell me: will you be in Southern California through March and into April?

The reason I ask this is I would like to see if we could schedule you Sunday nights for a Lenten series. Three of the themes you outline would be splendid.

Another reason for my asking this is that we are involved in this Comprehensive Evangelism program (first time we've ever tried it), climaxed with a Decision Day Feb. 14 followed by a week of preaching. We would like to have, ~~is~~ after our 'Bread and Water Banquet' the first Sunday in March, a series of messages which would deepen the faith of our new church members and be geared to them. I cannot imagine anything better than the type of job you would do.

So...let me know before Wed. Nov. 3 if there's any chance of a spring series.

Appreciatively,

*Dan*

Have been praying for God's direction of you, Allan Carter, Glen Smiley, in your session this morning.



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OFFICE:  
4210 MONROE STREET  
LOS ANGELES 29

October 29, 1953

Dear Dr Page -

I am very sorry but it appears will need to cancel our dates in the early part of the year.

We have had poor attendance at evening services our Board feels I should bring the "prayer" emphasis at the morning services we have will have much better attendance.

I do hope to see you and have you while you are down our way -

Sincerely  
Charles Severns

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October 30, 1953

Kirby Page  
Post Office Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby,

Thanks for your note with report that you are continuing your newspaper series. The clerk of our Friends Meeting of Austin wrote a letter to the editor of the Austin paper recently to express our group appreciation for his carrying your column.

Phyllis and the family will be with me in January if all goes as we see things now. However, there is some possibility of my shifting to Philadelphia about the first of the year, and I do not quite know what we can count on. Best wishes to you and Alma.

Sincerely,

Olcutt Sanders

OS/lg

# The Fellowship of Southern Churchmen

"... To preach the gospel to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captive, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

HOWARD KESTER, Executive Secretary  
BLACK MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA

October 30, 1953

Dear Dr. Page:

As one who has helped to support our work over the years, I want to take this opportunity to tell you a bit about our efforts over the past few months with the hope that you will be able to help us through a very difficult period when our treasury is almost empty.

In order to help young ministers and theological students toward an understanding of what we call the "traditional ministry plus", we held three three-day religious clinics in widely separated sections of the South. At the conclusion of one conference, a lad from Texas, now studying at the University of Chicago, wrote, "Meeting men who actually applied the Gospel to the whole of life was a thrilling thing, and gave me an entirely new outlook in my own preparation for the ministry." At our Atlanta conference, the dean of a theological seminary made a small contribution and wrote across the face of his check, "Toward the Kingdom of God on earth." More than a score of letters were received from various participants asking that these conferences be held again in 1954. We are trying to find the money with which to finance them.

During July and August about eighteen college and high school students participated in another inter-racial work camp at our Fellowship Center. At a cost of about \$2500.00 we have constructed five small cabins, a twin shower house and dressing rooms, sanitary accommodations, dams, reservoirs, roads, and to the amazement of many folk, completed a 40x25 log meeting house and laid the foundation and three tiers of logs on the second large building. We are now able to accommodate about forty persons and by the end of next summer we hope to be open the Center for the use of twenty-odd organizations here in the South who, because of their inter-racial character, can not easily find a place in which to meet.

Our ministry to the rural churches through such men as Gene Smathers, Francis Drake, and many others constitutes an important service at a moment when the movement toward urban centers is drawing some of the best leadership from the land.

In several southern cities - Raleigh, Greensboro, Atlanta, Nashville, and Macon, for example - our Fellowship groups, numbering in them from a dozen or so to more than a hundred, work at innumerable problems and provide in most instances the only interracial effort in these communities.

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Chairman

As you know, for almost twenty years now, the Fellowship has been one of the few religious groups in the South working to batter down the walls of partition between Negro and white folk. Today, you and I are witnesses to the fact that the effort is paying richer dividends than any of us thought possible a decade ago. But the battle is far from won. The whole question of the integration of our public schools once more places the problem of racial adjustment in the forefront of the whole South's thinking. Some people feel that the forthcoming decision of the Supreme Court may be as far-reaching as its decision on the Dred Scott case. In any event, these next few years are surely to be crucial ones. The weakest point in the movement toward an integrated society is our churches, despite the fact that our young people of both high school and college age have indicated their determination to secure a more democratic and Christian society. It is at the point of providing leadership for these together with our younger ministers and theologs that the Fellowship (because it is a group of Churchmen more than 500 strong) believes it can make its greatest contribution, not only for the sake of what is at stake in our own land, but throughout the world when our continuing leadership of the forces of democracy may be lost because of our failure to achieve it at home. If we can democratize and Christianize our race relations here, we may give the nation the chance it needs to overcome the movement toward desperation and catastrophe as spearheaded by the Communists.

During the coming year I shall devote my energies toward the continuance of the efforts which have characterized our work in the past. We need about \$3000.00 to finish out this year, and I shall be deeply grateful for your help. Obviously there are not many folk to whom we can appeal for help, and I hope therefore that you will make your contribution as large as possible. In the event you cannot help us, won't you send me the names of persons whom you think could help us?

Gratefully yours,

*Howard*

Howard Kester

48 VALLEY ROAD  
BRONXVILLE 8, N.Y.

November 3, 1953.

Rev. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, California

My dear Kirby:

Do you have sufficient material about Eddy's Evangelistic campaign in China? You may remember that his first visit to Amoy had some extraordinary features.

I have sent most of my papers to the Missionary Research Library at Union Seminary. Probably you ought to go there and see what you can find.

I may be able to find some old material in our basement here but I am not going to begin to hunt unless I know that you want whatever I can find.

With cordial greetings,

Yours truly,

*A. H. Wanshuis*

South Pasadena Methodist Church

El Centro at Fairview

South Pasadena, California

Arthur E. Harrington, Minister  
Helen O. Bell, Secretary

Dear Kirby Page:

Nov. 4, 1953

Thank you for your letter. I am just getting acquainted with my new parish. Perhaps after a year I will know more how we could arrange for a series and get the desired response.

Best wishes to you.

Sincerely,  
Arthur E. Harrington



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November 5, 1953

Dr. Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Dr. Page:

Our committee met last night, and would like to have you reserve three evenings, March 28, April 4 and 11. The subject we would like to have you speak to us is "Living with Peace of Mind." The sub-topics are: Transformed by Working with Christ, Sustained by the Bible and the Church, and Redeemed by Doing the Will of God.

I will be writing to you again in the very near future.

Sincerely,



Dan B. Genung, Pastor  
ALL PEOPLES CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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S. H. MILLER

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# RELIGION IN LIFE

BY KIRBY PAGE

## Hosea Was First of Ancient Prophets to Emphasize the Love of God

In the Holy Bible there is recorded progressive understanding of the character of God.

Amos is the earliest writer to emphasize the justice of God. He presents religion in terms of morality.

Hosea emphasizes the love of God, Isaiah the holiness of the Eternal, Jeremiah the place of the individual in the sight of God, Second Isaiah the power of vicarious sacrifice in God's plan.

### Rich in Symbolism

Hosea began his work about a decade after Amos hurled his proclamation of doom. The Book of Hosea abounds in symbolism and is therefore difficult to interpret at this distance and in our modern setting. Its central message, however, is clear. God loves his wayward children, even as a devoted husband loves his wife even though she becomes a prostitute.

Two interpretations are placed upon the text. One is that after Hosea had married Gomer and she had borne him a child, his wife became a common street-walker. In his undying love for her, Hosea sought her, reclaimed her, brought her back home as his wife.

Other scholars maintain that Gomer remained faithful to Hosea, and that he, in order to symbolize

dramatically Israel's impending loss of king and prince, purchased a prostitute for the price of an ordinary slave and kept her in seclusion for a long time.

### Denounces Sin

Two aspects of the Book of Hosea are clear: his denunciation of the sins of the nation, and his proclamation of the everlasting love of God even for his unfaithful children.

## Baha'i's Celebrate

Local Baha'i's and their friends will celebrate the birthday of Babauallah, founder of the faith, at a service at 8 p. m. Wednesday in the Cleveland Health Museum, 8911 Euclid Ave.

### Lutheran

**BETHANY** Triskett Rd. at Lorain Ave.  
Dr. J. B. I. Trout, Pastor  
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Sunday School 9:15 and 11 A. M.

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9:15 A. M. Sunday School  
Two Worship Services 8, 10:35 A. M.  
SERMON—"LIVE WITHOUT FEAR"

**FIRST** Cleveland Heights, Euclid Heights  
Bld. at Derbyshire Rd.  
Rev. Dale C. Recker, Pastor  
9:30 A. M. Sunday School  
**11: STANDING BEFORE THE THRONE**  
Sermon by Mr. Recker

**HOPE** 2222 Taylor Rd., Cleveland Hts.  
Rev. Oliver C. Grotfend, Pastor  
9:30 A. M. Sunday School 10:45 Worship

**MARTIN** Madison at W. 89th St.  
**LUTHER** Arnold H. Eifers, Pastor  
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### Methodist

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9:45 A. M. SUNDAY SCHOOL

**11 A. M.: MORNING "**

"Why Did It Happen?"

Dr. Brown



Fairmount and Coventry  
The Rev. John L. O'Hear  
The Rev. Richard Harig  
Walter Boldgett, Music  
m. Holy Communion  
Prayer and Sermon  
Sunday School

### ST. PAUL'S

11/11/53

Kirby and Alma

The following men (mostly Bapt Preachers) have assured me that it is their definite plan to invade your hilltop 16th Nov..most of them will be chaperoned by their "brides". There may be a few "fatalities", but I do not anticipate more than 3 or 4 ---and there are 3 or 4 uncertain . I am not reporting them.

Gene E Bartlett, First Bapt LA and wife Jean

Merrill Brininstool, Wildshire Bapt , and wife Betty and his Ch. Sec'y. Mrs Elmer Woods(Anolee) is supposed to come with Brininstools.

Benjamin Flint, First Bapt Church Arcadia and wife.

Paul Howard , Atwater Park Bapt Church and wife

Melvin Pekrul , First Bapt , Monrovia and wife (Lillian )

George Hill and we hope his mother will be with him.

Ed Sanders and Hallock Hoffman

Herman Rice , First Bapt , Inglewood and wife

George Miller(Negro Bapt Church "T BETHEL) and wife Roberta (Possibly a pastor friend and wife with them )

Hugh Miller , First Bapt Pasadena , and wife Martha(now Pres . Reusch Fel). (Two friends Caroline Houghton(Mrs Wm.) and Beth Qualen(Mrs Edward). Caroline is soloist in our choir and Beth' husband is Choir leader)

Oscar Sedam , minister Church Fed. in Redlands

Burl Slocum , Bapt Missionary in Phil's and wife (furloughing in Pasa.

Edgar Williams , Temple City Bapt , and wife Nadine and with them Randall Scott and wife, Meth. pastor in T C , I think .

I DO HOPE it is a clear day and warm. They have been "told" to bring lunch and ~~etc~~/ that hot drinks will be available. They each have a road map and phone number OX 72488. (will anyone answer?)

My personal plan is to meet Bartletts at Rosemead and Whittier Blvd at 9:20 and come up the hill with them . Hope to see you wee bit before 10

G Cman

I don't know any wealthy family  
I cones go to, to interest it in a young  
and promising girl's education, but  
I may do something with the College.

Thank you again for all the goodies.

I am enjoying them very,  
very much. I shared some of the  
hard pecanmons with a friend  
who likes them exceedingly.

Potefully,

Hae C.

As.  
I have a new grandson. Born  
Armistice day.

543 Ocean View Lane  
Whitby Col  
Nov. 13-3

Charlotte came to our  
prayer group this morning and  
stayed for lunch and most of the  
afternoon with me.. I served two of  
the pecanmons, drenched with lime juice,  
and frozen in the refrigerator for  
dessert - They were perfectly delicious.  
She enjoyed them as much as I did.

Pray that she may learn to live  
one day at a time and enjoy her

fellowship with her daughter without  
worrying about father, because he is  
going to die and leave her to feed  
by herself all alone in a cruel +  
frightless world. She is obsessed  
by the fear dear Patty won't get an  
education, that she will have no  
friends, that her whole life will be  
spent in "shodans + misery" if  
she, Charlotte, is taken from her. I keep  
telling her I will continue to be  
a good friend to Patty as long as  
she, but she brushes this aside. I am  
not young enough and she feels that

Patty wouldn't respond to me. It  
is so discouraging to try to help or  
comfort. I faced her with this idea  
that she didn't want to receive any  
more. She says that she would take  
gratefully any help, financial or  
otherwise anyone gave Patty. So if  
the church + when, does give her  
the funds they are gathering, she  
will, I think, take it and I hope  
graciously.

I am going to see Paul Smith  
next week to see if there is a chance  
of a scholarship at Whittier College -

Casa de Cman

1863 East Orange Grove Avenue

Pasadena 7, California

Kirby

Friday

I am greatly pleased that  
Milton and Marie Danielson  
(FBB's associate at Reds.) are  
coming. Quiet bright chap.

I have persuaded myself that you will not take  
in a wrong way a modest suggestion from a "minor  
league" friend. It is this  
I have said to most of these friends who are  
coming up to your "high place" next Monday that  
it is a time of much discussion and prayer. In ad-  
dition to the usual quiet times would you mind ask-  
ing one or two men to lead in audible prayer? Most  
Baptists are not accustomed to the Quaker quiet  
periods, tho they profit by them if not too long.  
They are accustomed to audible prayer. I am sure  
you understand. May we have both kinds? Surely YOU  
at close. PLEASE omit GS. Affectionately

all

# RELIGION IN LIFE

BY KIRBY PAGE

## Apostle Paul Found Earthly Joy In Communion With Christ

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Joy runs like a magic thread through the writings of Paul the apostle, and he must be counted among the most exuberant men of the ages.

This radiance flowed through the vale of trouble and the shadow of death.

Most of the afflictions known to man poured over the head of this tent-maker and flaming evangelist of good news: Contempt and indifference, scorn and misrepresentation, hatred and slander, imprisonment and scourings, poverty and hunger, weariness and loneliness.

### Spring of Joy

Yet this man of trouble was nourished from an inexhaustible spring of bubbling joy. And all this in spite of the fact that he did not have the companionship of a wife and children, or wealth or luxury or authority of vested power or the intoxication of applause from the masses. His happiness did not emerge from a serene consciousness of sinlessness, for he was vividly aware of his weaknesses and sins, and confessed them with intense fervor of soul.

Paul's joy came from relationships. It was the way he was related to God, to his living Lord, to his brethren, and to his opponents that enabled him to march on in an ever continuing procession of triumph. Paul really knew

### Jewish



Sunday, November 15

10:30 A. M.

HILLEL SILVER  
speak on  
"HAPPENING  
CHILDREN?"  
Increase  
iniquity  
income

God, he was certain of the presence of Christ, and he overflowed with tenderness toward the brethren. He prayed with joy, he preached with joy, he wrote with joy, he conversed with joy.

### Delight in God

Thus he was able to write: "Delight yourselves in God, yes, find your joy in Him at all times. Have a reputation for gentleness, and never forget the nearness of your Lord."

### Lutheran

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"What About Life After Death?"  
Dr. Brown will preach

### EPWORTH-EUCLID

East 107 St. at Chester  
11:00 A. M. MORNING WORSHIP  
"We Offer Unto Thee Ourselves"  
by President Arthur S. Fleming, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio  
7:30 P. M.

M. Y. F. District Lakeside Reunion

"EXPECTATIONS"  
by Earl R. Henderson, D.D.,  
Church of the Cross

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Euclid Avenue at E. 30th St.  
Minister:  
Carroll Lewis, D. D.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30

"I BELIEVE IN CHRIST"  
DR. LEWIS

Church School—9:30 a. m.  
Sunday Evening Club—6:15 P. M.  
Fellowship—7:30  
Ed., 7:30 p. m.

Margaret Coulthurst

534 N. Milton  
Whittier, Calif.  
November 16, 1953

Kirby Page, Box 274, La Habra, Calif.

Dear Sir: As a guest at the Woman's Society meeting at the Methodist church on Domestic Day, I was so impressed by your talk that I wondered if I could engage you to speak for the Woman's Society of the Friends church on January 28th.

The theme for the year's programs is "Now is the Time," and the scripture is Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. The particular verse indicated for the January meeting is "A Time to Keep, and a Time to Cast Away". It seemed to me as I listened to you Wednesday, that the same address would fit the theme admirably, for we must certainly cast away many of our old tenets if we are

Margaret Coulthurst

to keep the peace we long for.

The afternoon meeting convenes after  
a 12:15 luncheon and the speaker is  
scheduled for about 1:30. We would  
be happy to have you and Mrs. Page  
as our luncheon guests too, if possible.

I shall be glad to know as soon as  
possible if you can give us this  
date, and your charges for speak-  
ing.

Sincerely,

(Mrs) Margaret Coulthurst

Phone, Oxford 41-8378

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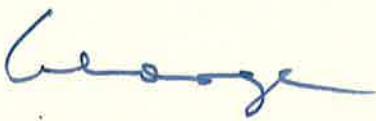
Dr. Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Dr. Page:

We have 3,000 copies of LIVING WITH PEACE OF MIND and 702 copies of HOW TO PRAY and 3,875 copies of DISCOVERING THE BIBLE. It looks as if we will have to order a reprint on HOW TO PRAY right away again.

We are not able to see the sun here in Nashville for the smoke today, I hope you folks in California are faring better.

Sincerely yours,

  
George Harper

GH/lc

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Nov 19 '53

Kirby Page

L.A. Habra Calif

Dear Mr Page,

Please send the four  
booklets to my daughter

Mrs. James Dier

107-14 St

Newport Beach, Calif

① Unconditional Surrender

2. Power from the Bible

③ The Meek Shall Inherit the Earth

4 How does God deal with Evil doers.

Please send me a copy of  
no 1 & also no 3

Enclose one dollar for  
these six copies. Thank you

Very truly yours

(Mrs.) Pauline Cockrell

# The Methodist Church of San Luis Obispo

PACIFIC AND MORRO STREETS

November 19, 1953

Mr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Kirby:

I regret the delay in answering your note of October 6th.

This is the outcome: after much discussion in our local prayer fellowship, the decision has been made to seek the leadership of someone in the Episcopal Church who has been close to the healing ministry now growing in that denomination. I have some reservations regarding this movement, but I am willing to go along.

The reasoning was in this wise; they feel a full diet of social gospel preaching is now in effect in San Luis; that your prominence as a social prophet would not be balanced, though the announced emphasis were on prayer and peace of mind. Also, in the past year, we've had a rather shaking experience with the prolonged illness of an eight year old child in our church family of leukemia. She died last July.

Meanwhile, a tremendous healing came to all of us who are connected with the family, largely through the very effective ministry of the Episcopal Church in its laying-on of hands and prayer fellowship. I was humbled and made to feel very ineffective and I feel I need to grow in this area. Consequently, we will have someone from Los Angeles, we don't know yet who, lead us during Lent.

God bless you, Kirby, and we very much appreciate your willingness to come and in any event it would have been a privilege to have you.

Cordially yours,



Gilbert S. Zimmerman

P.S.: Have you any suggestions as to some reputable leadership available? I know the pitfalls in this field. I've seen a lot of dubious activities take place under the guise of "healing". We want to avoid the hams.

G.S.Z.

[Nov 19, 1953]

Casa de Cman

1863 East Orange Grove Avenue

Pasadena 7, California

Kirby : We are pulling for you and expecting to hear very soon that you are on the job again. Marie has kept us informed of your progress up the hill called "good health". You sure did an brave spartan-like thing to keep going for  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours when you felt so rotten. Gene B. carried on in good shape in afternoon tho we missed you terribly and coveted your leadership. All with whom I have talked regard it a wonderful day, indeed. We appreciate Alma's drinks and jams. Our thots are out in your direction frequently and always with appreciation and affection. See us when this way. Yours alll the time,

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November 20, 1953

Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

Esther and I are looking forward with a good bit of anticipation to our trip out to California. I just wrote Ed Sanders telling him that we would be staying with you folks, and that probably we would not need much help in seeing the sights since we want a rather light schedule. I have given him the opportunity of trying to get a Rose Bowl ticket for me, and Esther will want to be there to see the Tournament of Roses.

We have not made definite reservations, but it looks as if we will be arriving in California about the morning of the 31st. Is that going to be okay with you folks? We plan to start back immediately when the sessions are over, going the day route to San Francisco. Be sure and let us know if any of these plans are difficult for you.

Hope you are all well.

Very sincerely,

*Red.*

E. A. Schaal

EAS/dr

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Dear Kirby,

I am enclosing our check for your last two series. We are most grateful for the kind of job you are doing, and only regret that our limited staff prevents using you more. You may have heard that our intern Jim Schaechmidt has left to work on "Houses for Korea," so we are really hard pressed.

Etta & I still plan to come out before the holidays, but working out arrangements for 3 children, two now in school adds to the complications and immobilizes us. We'll get in touch with Marie. Love & greetings to you & Alice.  
Bob

- P.S. 1. Were cards or envelopes used in either Whittier or Long Beach?  
2. Can you let me know what lecture series you have been able to

arrange? We'd like to promote if +  
where we can and also avoid conflicting  
dates.

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# RELIGION IN LIFE

BY KIRBY PAGE

## Abraham Lincoln, Hated in Life, Now One of Nation's Heroes

By common consent Abraham Lincoln is now proclaimed one of the saintliest men ever to hold high public office.

In him integrity and fidelity, humility and magnanimity, dedication and devotion to the common good were supremely exemplified.

Yet he was one of the most bitterly hated and most viciously slandered men in American history. In going through one of his biographies, I ran across the following epithets and descriptions of him:

"Mean, sneaking, and disreputable; cringing, crawling creature; an ape and baboon; buffoon, monster, idiot; miserable and contemptible despot; extraordinary freak of nature; one of God's mistakes; a cross between a sand-hill crane and an Andalusian Jackass; the abolition orangutang that skulked in Washington; he will totter into a dishonored grave, driven there perhaps by the hands of an assassin, leaving behind him a mem-

ory more execrable than that of Arnold—more despised than that of the traitor Catiline; old Abe Lincoln is an infernal Jackass, I should relish his groans and agonies if I could see him put to torture in hell or anywhere else."

### 80 Threatening Letters

In an envelope in which Lincoln filed threats of assassination, there were 80 letters. And finally death came from an assassin's bullet in his head, fired from a distance of less than five feet.

In spite of incessant vituperation, Abraham Lincoln remained throughout his lifetime a tolerant and amiable and kindly soul. He enjoyed people and spent his time with them. No grudges were harbored and no revenge sought. Innumerable stories are told of his kindly and generous treatment of individuals in distress and of those who came asking favors of him. He was bound to his fellows with indissoluble ties.

## Lutherans to Open Church

Dedication of the new Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church at 1930 Cliffview Rd. will take place at Sunday services.

The Rev. Lynn Rittman of Ascension Church, North Olmsted, will preach at 10 a. m. and the Rev. Martin Mueller of Holy Cross Church, Rocky River, at 7:45 p. m. The celebration continues with a Thanksgiving service at 10 next Tuesday morning. The Rev. W.

ard Stein, minister of the for 37 years, will speak.

\$80,000, the church has 200. About 40 members migration assisted in interior finishing.

## Tornado Damaged Church to Reopen

Franklin Circle Christian Church, 1688 Fulton Rd., which was badly damaged in the recent tornado, will reopen its nave and sanctuary at Sunday morning's service.

Dr. H. B. McCormick, interim pastor, will speak on "Thanks for God's Unspeakable Gift."

### Evangelical & Reformed

**EIGHTH** W. 25th and Willowdale  
Rev Holland L. Longsdon, Pastor  
9:30 Sunday School  
10:45 A. M. Morning Worship

Union Thanksgiving Service  
Archwood—Denison Churches  
THURS., NOV. 26—10:00 A. M.  
Eighth Evangelical & Reformed Church  
W. 25th St. and Willowdale Ave.  
Sermon by Rev. Victor A. Walenta

**ONE** Bridge Ave. at W. 28.  
Rev. Walter K. Klein  
THURSDAY MORNING SERVICE  
"GOD'S BENEFITS"  
10:30 A. M.



## MISSION CIRCLES MEET TUESDAY

Msgr. Charles M. McBride, former diocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith here, now of New York, will speak at 6 p. m. Tuesday before the 18th anniversary dinner of the St. Francis Xavier Mission Association and the Little Flower Mission Circles in Hotel Cleveland.

### Nazarene

**First Church of the Nazarene**  
Hayden Ave. at Cleborne Rd., E. C.  
James E. Hunton, Pastor  
Vesey Stemm, Minister of Music

9:30: Sun. School

10:45 A. M.

Worship

7:30 P. M.

Evangelistic

Wed. 7:30

Prayer



### Presbyterian

**BOSWORTH** Flower & Bosworth (W. 115 between Lorain & Bellaire)  
9:15 A. M. Church School  
10:50: Church School for Ages 3-8  
10:50 SERMON—"HOW TO RECEIVE."

## The Covenant

11205 Euclid Avenue

11:00 MORNING WORSHIP

Dr. Taylor will preach

Subject:

"What Communism Is

Doing for Christianity"

The Covenant Choir

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10:30 O'CLOCK

Dr. Taylor Will Preach

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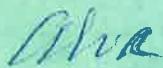
Nov. 23rd/53

Dear Kirby.

Caroline's long months of battle against cancer and my efforts to give her personal help not only absorbed all my time and strength but, having to watch, day by day, the slow and painful malady take her life left me both physically and emotionally undone. I am slowly making my way back and hope to be able to search my files ere too long to see what I may have of interest for your biography of Sherwood. I doubt if I have much of value as I was much more the reader than the close observer personally, as you were. Just the same it will be a satisfaction if I can find even a little of help. Preparing to sell a lot of my books to help meet the great expence of our hope of finding some help first against the malady, then, when defeated, to allay the pain and now all that death demands. We are preparing the home for sale, and one marvels at the amount of things he gathers over a lifetime as long as mine has been--in my 83 year now.

I hope to put some of both yours and Sherwood's <sup>books</sup> with college lads preparing for Christian service, for you furnish a challenge to the new generation.

Sincerely



Akva W. Taylor

Champaign Ill.  
106 East John  
apt. 1  
Nov. 24 - 1963

Mrs. Kirby Page  
Box 247 - La Habra, Cal.

Dear Mrs. Page:

Recd the order which  
I made for 3 sets of Scrip-  
ture Cards for which I sent  
\$1.00 but also received  
more sets and other books.  
I do not wish to keep  
these. Was there some  
mistake? I would not  
know what to do with so many  
of the same thing. Yours very truly  
Eva M. Collom

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November 24, 1953

Kirby Page  
Post Office Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby,

Thanks to you and Alma for the invitation to stay with you when we come out in January. Bob and Etta Vogel have already invited us to use their house trailer, which they expect to park in their back yard. It depends somewhat on how we could best work out baby sitting facilities to free Phyllis while I am in meetings, but the Vogel location will probably be a little more flexible. In any case, we shall count on stopping by for a visit with you. We plan to arrive before Christmas to have a visit with Phyllis' sisters in Baker's Field and San Luis Obispo.

As you may have heard by now, I am to become national public relations secretary, succeeding Jack Kavanaugh, as of January 1. We are in the midst of finding a successor here. Actually we need a peace education secretary as well as an executive secretary, but could get along for a while with one or the other. Your suggestions will be welcomed, of course. Do you think of some present AFSC staff member who might like to step into this regional office as executive secretary?

Congratulations on your seventh grandchild. We'll look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,



Olcutt Sanders

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# First Methodist Church

Bailey at Friends .... Whittier, California

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November 25, 1953

Dr. Kirby Page,  
Box 247,  
La Habra, Calif.

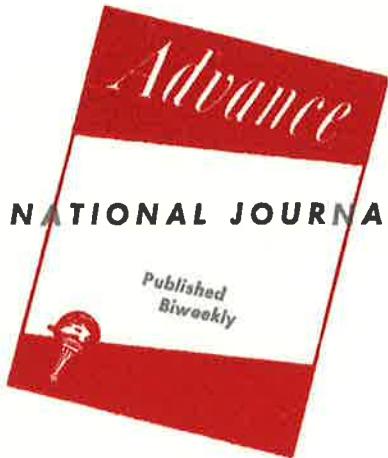
Dear Kirby:

Today I came across this resume of Dr. Weatherhead's lecture which is in line with what we were talking about with Sherwood Eddy. I thought you might be interested in reading it. Weatherhead is to be our conference speaker next summer.

Dorothy and I want to thank you and Alma for taking time out to come for breakfast the other morning. It was certainly a rich experience for us. Hope that we can see much more of you.

Sincerely,

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November 30, 1953

Dr. Kirby Page,  
P. O. Box 247  
La Habra, California

My dear Dr. Page:

I received this morning a sheaf of 1954 "columns" and I have an idea to propose.

May I use thirty-six prose "columns" in Advance as special reading for the weekdays of the Lenten season? I would carry twelve in the March 8 issue which will be mailed February 23; twelve in the March 22 issue; and twelve in the April 5 issue.

If you should think well of this request I would want you, of course, to select the thirty-six readings — the first for Ash Wednesday, March 3. It occurs to me that we would enhance the value of these "columns" for many of our readers if we could have a Bible reference with each one and, if it would not be too great a chore for you, a sentence prayer at the end of each. Could you do this?

I am certain that our readers would be as enthusiastic as I. Please let me know what you think of my proposal. I can already visualize these twelve readings on the center spread, pages 16 and 17 of the above three issues of Advance.

Gratefully yours,

*Andrew Vance McCracken*

Andrew Vance McCracken

# First Church of the Brethren

3332 Magnolia Avenue • Telephone 40-1887  
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*Jan 25 1954*  
*9:16 AM*

The Community's Colonial Church

ROBERT E. RICHARDS, Minister  
December 1, 1953

Dr. Kirby Page  
Post Office Box 247  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Dr. Page:

I am writing to see if it is possible for you to be with us four Sunday evenings in March, 1954 for a school of peace.

Mr. Frank Howell who is the Moderator of our church has suggested that you might be available for a series of meetings. If so, we would be delighted to have you with us during this period; if it is impossible for you to be here on four Sundays we would be satisfied to have you any number of evenings.

As you knew our church is an historic peace church and you have many followers here in this group. I, personally, have read four or five of your books and have heard you speak on several occasions, all of which have been inspiring.

We certainly hope that your commitments are such that you can be with us. Praying God's Richest Blessings upon you in your work, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Bob Richards*

Rev. Bob Richards,  
3332 Magnolia Avenue  
Long Beach 6, Calif.

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McCORMICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
2330 NORTH HALSTED STREET  
CHICAGO 14

December 1, 1953

Mr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Mr. Page:

Please send 50 copies of the leaflet called SEVENTEEN PATHWAYS TO RADIANT JOY to:

Dr. Alfred S. Nickless  
McCormick Theological Seminary  
2330 North Halsted Street  
Chicago 14, Illinois

Please send the bill to Dr. Nickless at the same address.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

*Mrs. Kenneth Shafer*

Mrs. Kenneth Shafer,  
Secretary to Dr. Nickless

*Seal*

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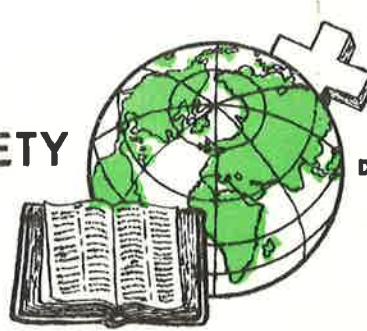
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John W. Frye

Dr. Kirby Page,  
P.O. Box 247,  
La Habra, California.

Dear Kirby:

Thank you for sharing with me your current devotionals on the subject, "Living With Peace of Mind". These daily devotionals are exceptionally well done and I am happy to be able to have a copy. I shall be glad to pass the word on to our ministers that the material is free upon request.

I would like to know your secret of putting out materials without making a charge. My problem is that I am going to have to charge more than I really want to in order to pay the expenses of my new devotional which I am calling, "Good Morning, God".

The manuscript for this series is being sent to you under separate cover. I would appreciate your frank evaluation of it and if you think it is not worth publication that you feel free to say so.

Best wishes to you in the continuation of the fine work that you are doing.

Sincerely yours,

*Sam Pugh*  
National Director  
Church Development &  
Ministerial Services

1112 Victoria Ave  
Los Angeles 19  
Dec. 3, 1953

Dear Friends,

Merrill & I want to thank you both so very much for opening your home to us. Meeting with you folks, & others, to discuss the problems which face us, has been a real "mountain-top" experience for us.

We were so sorry you were sick & we missed having you with us for the whole day. You were very fine, Mr. Page, to give us your morning when I know it was hard to do. — We do hope you are all well by now.

Thank you Mrs. Page for your hospitality. I know it meant more work for you! —

Sincerely your friends

Merrill & Betty Brumistead

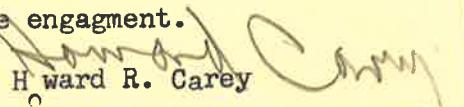
3066 Olive, Altadena, Calif. Dec. 3, 53

Dear Kirby,

I do greatly appreciate your willingness to come for the first 4 Sunday Evenings of Jan. But our Sun. eve. attendance has been so very small that our group has voted to discontinue our Sun. night meetings after Christmas. Washington St. Meth, Pasadena did talk about going in on some of the meetings, but I will tell them to contact you direct, if they wish for you to come. Will also contact The local F. O. R. and Meth. Peace Council about having you come sometime soon. You might send one of your publicity leaflets to Mrs. Paul ~~Orr~~ Orr, 2312 Glenrose, Altadena. She is the spark plug in the local Meth. Peace Council, representing most of the Meth. Churches.

Sorry to break the tentative engagement.

Sincerely,

  
Howard R. Carey

A. B. CUTLER  
1000 SOUTH WEST VISTA AVENUE  
PORTLAND 5, OREGON

Dec 4 '55

Mr Kirby Page  
La Habra Calif

Dear Sir:

I am reading with great interest and profit your booklet on "How to Pray" and would be pleased to receive your pamphlet "Power from the Bible". Yours - enclosed

Sincerely  
A. B. Cutler

THE CHURCH OF THE COVENANT  
PRESBYTERIAN  
11205 EUCLID AVENUE  
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

December 4, 1953

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Dear Kirby:

Many thanks for your nice note. I am sure you are doing much good with your column, which I read from time to time in various newspapers, and I enclose a small check for the good of the cause. Let me know if and when you come to Cleveland.

You may be interested in a copy of a sermon of mine. By and large my own people rose to the occasion magnificently, but it has created substantial negative reactions in the community at large, including two editorials on the general theme of "Misguided Clergymen." I know you have been this way before. Unfortunately this is what we have to expect when we take unpopular positions. However, I have a feeling that history is on our side and may vindicate us sooner than most people think.

With happy remembrances of olden days together and cordial good wishes for the present and future,

Sincerely yours,

Harry B. Taylor

Dr. Kirby Page  
Post Office Box 247  
La Habra, California

Enclosure



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December 8, 1953

Dr. Kirby Page  
P.O. Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

Just a note to ask you if we might have three pictures to use for publicity in the papers. If possible we would prefer the glossy prints for the papers. Also, we could use a large picture on a poster if you have any available.

Looking forward to having you in our series.

Sincerely,

*Dan*  
Dan B. Genung ✓

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*We want to build up  
this series, naturally.*



# Source

PUBLISHERS

P. O. BOX 485  
NASHVILLE 2, TENNESSEE

Dec 8, 1953

Dr. Page,

Since Roger left, I have been getting straightened out bit by bit on our Source book keeping. Check me on this one now:

I wrote 3 days ago that we had sent you 2 orders recently - both for 200 copies of How to Pray and 200 copies of Living with Peace of Mind. Now I come across a note from you, written October 15, ordering 100 copies of each. Those were sent out at that time. I am wondering if they should have been included in the bill also - at 25¢ for each book.

We promise to keep up and send bills more promptly in the future.

Sincerely yours,

George Hanger

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
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3518 UNIVERSITY AVENUE  
LOS ANGELES 7

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

December 10, 1953

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Dr. Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

Thank you for the announcement of your 1954 series.

I have posted these papers on the bulletin board  
and have told the students that they can get copies  
by writing to you. I trust that you may hear from  
some of them.

Please look in on me and the School some time when  
you are in the city.

Cordially yours,

Earl

Earl Cranston

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GREENSBORO, N. C.

Dear Kirby:

12/10/53

I'm coming out to  
the regional secretaries  
conference Jan 4-9. Hope  
you'll be around and still  
long enough for me to see  
you and Alma. Regards,  
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# First Church of the Brethren

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*The Community's Colonial Church*

ROBERT E. RICHARDS, Minister

December 11, 1953

Dr. Kirby Page  
Post Office Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Dr. Page:

We appreciate so very much your prompt reply to our request for your services in March. We are terribly sorry that the only time you have available is in April. It is my fault that I did not contact you earlier. The problem is, I must be gone from my church for two and one half months during which time I hold Revival meetings, Y.M.C.A. Conferences, give speeches to High Schools, and participate in Pole Vaulting.

We had hoped to have you during the period I am gone, but evidently we waited too late. We want you to know that we are with you in your work and pray God's richest blessings upon you. Your peace position, your warm-hearted Christianity, your emphasis upon a mystical union with God are all wonderful.

Looking forward to a time when we can have you with us, I am

Most Sincerely yours in Christ

*Robert E. Richards,*

Robert E. Richards  
3332 Magnolia Avenue  
Long Beach 6, California

RER/sv

December 12, 1953.

Dear Otto:

These seven devotional readings are for your exclusive use if you find them suitable for publication. They can be used under any title that seems desirable.

If you should care to use a weekly series of them, I will prepare copy especially for you. No payment need be paid for them.

They follow this sequence:

1. Empowered Through Prayer and Fellowship.
2. Uplifted by Music and Great Literature.
3. Transformed by Working With Christ.
4. Nourished by Nature.
5. Sustained by the Bible and the Church.
6. Inspired by Biography.
7. Redeemed by Doing the Will of God.

Let me express the hope that you have a joyous Christmas.

Cordially,

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9.12.53.

Kirby Page  
2101, Sapota Drive.  
La Habra Heights  
Cal.

Dear Mr. Page,

A mutual friend, Francis Hall suggested that the writer of this letter should get in touch with you. He felt sure you would be interested in the community of which I am a member and that you would be in a position to offer us helpful advice as to how to get in touch with others who would also be interested. Hence this letter. I do not know if you know anything about the Society of Brothers. The pamphlet enclosed will give some idea of the work we do and the ideal behind it. We should be very glad indeed to meet you if you would like to see us, either out at your home or somewhere in Los Angeles. We plan to stay in this area for some time yet though later we shall be going to San Francisco.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours  
*George Vigar*  
George Vigar



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REV. I. W. CAMERER

## Dedicate New Parma Church

Ridge Road Evangelical Community Church, 6050 Ridge Rd., Parma, will conclude the celebration of its 25th anniversary Sunday with the dedication of its new church.

Dr. Emil N. Krafft, former Clevelander, now of Detroit, will preach at the morning worship service at 10:30. At a community service at 3:30 in the evening, Rev. Reuben Schroer of Akron will bring a message.

Rev. Irving W. Camerer has been minister of the church for 10 years. During that time the unicount membership has doubled and now totals 400. The school has an enrollment

# RELIGION IN LIFE

BY KIRBY PAGE

## St. Catherine Found God In Caring for the Poor

Saint Catherine of Siena was a saint from childhood. While still a small child she had mystic visions and began to practice austerities.

She was born in 1347 in Siena of Tuscany, Italy. At the age of six she consecrated herself to God, and for the slightest fault she would humble herself and do penance. When she was twelve, her parents kept her in strict seclusion in preparation for an early marriage, as was the custom of the day.

### Avoids Men

From the thought of marriage Catherine recoiled in horror and began to avoid men as if they were serpents. She went so far as to cut her own beautiful hair in the effort to make herself unwanted. Her parents became convinced that she would never marry and consented to her putting on the white veil and habit and the black mantle of the Third Order of St. Dominic.

After an extended period of solitude, Catherine returned to her family and to a ministry to the poor. Continuously she found God in "the Sacrament of His love and the person of His poor." One of her responsibilities was the daily care of a destitute woman afflicted with leprosy. In 1374 came the great plague. Several members of her own family died. Catherine was everywhere, ministering to the stricken, saying prayers for the dying, and burying the dead. Pub-

lic tribunals were closed, law and order was no longer maintained. She was the primary influence in persuading Pope Gregory XI to leave Avignon and return to Rome. As a papal ambassador she exercised a reconciling influence in public affairs. Her always frail body wore out and she died at the early age of thirty-three. Catherine and Francis of Assisi are ranked as the greatest of the Italian mystics.

## Temple Notes 107th Year

Euclid Avenue Temple will hold its 107th annual meeting at 8 p.m. Sunday in Alumni Hall, Euclid Ave. at E 82d St.

Participants in the program will include E. M. Elder, president of the congregation; Dr. Barnett Bickner and a panel of members who will consider policy, program and future possibilities of the temple.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver will lecture on the three kings who ruled over Israel—Saul, David and Solomon—at Sunday morning's services at 10:30 in the temple, Ansel Rd. at E 105th St.

Max Lerner of New York, writer and teacher, will speak at 7 Sunday night at the 35th anniversary dinner of the Jewish National Fund in Park Synagogue, 3325 Euclid Heights Blvd., Cleveland Heights.

### Presbyterian

**BOSWORTH** Flower & Bosworth (W. 115 between Lorain & Bellaire)  
9:15 A. M. Church School  
10:30: Church School for Ages 3-8  
10:50: "Danger: Christmas Ahead!"

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L. Wilson Kilgore, Minister  
Paul P. Hagen, Asst. Minister  
9:30 A. M.: CHURCH SCHOOL  
11:00 A. M.: "THE SIGNIFICANCE OF BETHLEHEM FOR CLEVELAND"  
Sermon by Mr. Kilgore

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Dec. 15- '53

Dear Dr. Page -

I have heard you talk many times and we have a Sunday nite Forum group - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday nite of each mo. and would like to have you talk to us if it can be arranged.

There are around 30 or 40 usually of around 35- 50 years - some with a great deal of responsibility in Community and all interested in conditions and what we can do about it.

Do you always have a man from Friends church with you?

We are a small group and eager to make our lives count for good and appreciate a challenge and how to meet it, we are part of First Methodist church but meet in homes.

Thank you for any thing you may

be able to do for us, it might  
work out that a series could be arranged  
if you leave the time -

Sincerely

Mrs. John P. Hibbert.

Next meeting is Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> altho we do  
change sometimes if it meets  
convenience of speaker.

J. H.

Vigar, 7118, San Marcus St. Compton. Me 3 9590

Dear Mr Page,

Thank you for your letter though I dont think you altogether understood me. Of course we should have been grateful if you could have introduced us to someone who might have helped us substantially, but in writing you what I had in mind was suggestions or recommendations to groups or clubs or churches which you judged might be interested to hear us. So far our contact has been limited to F.o. R. circles in L.A. and not very much more. In a month or two we shall be going northward. Now I dont want to put you to a lot of trouble nor do I necessarily expect an answer to this card though I hope that this will present you with a diff'rem<sup>n</sup> situation.

Sincerely

George Vigar

# FIRST METHODIST CHURCH



MINISTERS:  
ROBERT R. WASHER  
KENNETH A. WAHRENBROCK

PHONE 5471  
STANFORD AND EUCLID  
GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA

December 17, 1953

Dr. Kirby Page  
La Habra, California

Dear Sir:

Your name has been proposed as a speaker for our Lenten series of addresses, which will take place on Wednesday evenings, beginning with March 3rd of the coming year.

There are two dates open that we would like to have you consider, that of March 3rd and that of March 31st. The time is approximately seven-thirty o'clock, and we would like to have something appropriate to the season.

As this is to be an outstanding series for the spiritual enrichment of our people, we are securing the best talent we know of. Among those who have accepted so far are Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Dean Cranston of U. S. C. School of Religion, and Dr. Theodore Palmquist. We also have a religious drama and a choir scheduled.

We have an honorarium of twenty dollars (\$20.00) which will cover your expenses. Please let us know as soon as possible which date you prefer. We shall consider it a great honor if you will accept.

Very truly yours,

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

*Robert R. Washer* ✓

Robert R. Washer, Minister

RRW:EH

700 W. 32nd St., Austin, Texas (until Dec. 18)  
December, 1953

Dear friends,

You can join us in a stanza of "I'm Going to Leave Old Texas Now" with a descendant of "Jingle Bells". After 8 years as Southwest regional secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, Olcutt has been made national AFSC public relations secretary. We move to Philadelphia with mixed feelings -- regret at leaving so many wonderful friends (and for Olcutt a lifetime of personal associations) but eager anticipation for fresh tasks in an area where we have other friends. Olcutt's new office will be only a few steps from the room in which he and Phyllis were married.

Our circuitous schedule then: Dec. 18 we leave Austin to drive to California for the Christmas season with Phyllis's sisters, Meda Randall (whose year-old son Brad we have not seen) and Ruth Mahoney (with Kathleen Ann, 11 mo.; Jimmy, 5; and Faye Dee, 7.) Our Christmas address will be 1600 Murray Ave., San Luis Obispo, Calif. Jan. 2-8 comes the AFSC regional executive secretaries' meeting in Pasadena (Box 966-M, Pasadena 20). Jan. 9-15 will be the drive East (office: 20 S. 12th St., Philadelphia 7, Pa.) Our new home is yet to be arranged, but we have big plans. Come and visit us.

Now let's look back briefly. Most of you heard from us as we announced our third child, Jay Olcutt, on Apr. 16. (We didn't mimeograph quite enough letters, however). At 7 months Jay is an even-tempered, healthy child, standing up (literally) under treatment of Lynn (5 this month) and Marta (3). The two older children have participated since its beginning in March in our parents' cooperative interracial project, the All-Austin Nursery School, which is now filled to capacity and thriving. Phyllis and Olcutt have worked especially on the finances.

June was notable for the very successful series of Institutos of International Relations in the 4 largest Texas cities. Sparked by headliners like S.S. Nehru (Indian Supreme Court justice) and Norman Cousins (Saturday Review editor), the program drew the largest attendance of the past 8 years, and public relations were healthy.

July marked the visit of Phyllis's brother, Fred D. Aden, and family (3 children) from Buenos Aires. As they headed westward, we packed our new Chevrolet station wagon for a staff consultation in Philadelphia and vacation stops with friends along the way as far north as Maine. Highlight was a visit with Phyllis's brother, Mel, now a senior and soccer captain at Ursinus College, conveniently near Philadelphia for frequent contacts after our move. August brought the end of our travel in time to lead the first World Affairs Camp (for families and individuals) in this region--a successful experiment. September meant the resuming of many activities--the Nursery, University YWCA Board (of which Phyllis is chairman), and AFSC fall program. Here we might note the steady growth of our Austin Friends Meeting, with weekly attendance up to as many as twenty. October saw Olcutt in Philadelphia again to meet with peace education secretaries (since we have not yet found a person for the addition to the staff for this work). He was able to report a heartening series of articles in the Houston Post, exposing the activities of the Minute Women and other reactionary groups in their efforts to limit free speech and to prevent the discussion of "controversial" world problems like the United Nations. November brought the third trip to Philadelphia within 4 months -- this time for interviews and appointment to the new job, effective Jan. 1. Olcutt took part in the Texas Social Welfare Association conference and visited his sister, Elizabeth, in Fort Worth. She and her two sons, Richard and Jim, will join husband Dick Gorton in early December in Spring City, Pa., where Dick is the new owner of the local weekly newspaper. This move is entirely unrelated to ours but happily puts them only a few miles outside Philadelphia.

As a parting thought at this Christmas season, we have been wondering whether we have the right to exchange the usual wishes for "peace on earth" between nations, between races, or between individuals -- unless all of us are ready to take concrete action daily. May we suggest that you add to your Christmas list a letter to the President, encouraging him to follow through his sometime expressed determination from the armed road to the reconciling road toward peace. Happy Holidays!

Olcutt, Phyllis, Lynn, Marta, and Jay Sanders

# Christmas in Churches

Edited by William Dimmondie

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## RELIGION IN LIFE

BY KIRBY PAGE

### Dickens Brought Joy to Millions Through 'A Christmas Carol'

Charles Dickens did much to arouse people against the exploitation of children, and through "A Christmas Carol" and other stories brought joy into human life.

He was born in England in 1812 and died in 1870. His father was a clerk in the Navy Pay Office, improvident, incompetent in handling his finances, with the result that his family was dragged from place to place in insecurity and often in dire want. At one time he was imprisoned for debt.

Charles received little formal schooling. He was a sickly child, subjected to periodic spasms, and unable to join in regular sports. At an early age he went to work, pasting labels on pots of blackning. Then he taught himself shorthand and obtained a position as parliamentary reporter for a London newspaper. At 21 his newspaper articles were supplemented with sketches in magazines, and success came rapidly. As his income increased, the drain of helping his family became heavier. Charles married and soon had a family of his own.

Dickens was a keen observer and a tireless worker. In a single year he wrote Oliver Twist, Nicholas Nickleby, finished the Grimaldi memoirs, produced more Sketches, edited Bentley's Miscellany, and wrote numerous articles. In 1842 and again in 1867 he made triumphal tours of the United States, being greeted with the wildest acclaim. At the age of 37 he published David Copperfield, which is often referred to as his masterpiece.

By nature tempestuous and with boundless imagination, his chief weakness as a writer was overabundance, too much too hastily written. But he did know London, indeed it has been said that he was London, and was able to put on paper the sufferings and the triumphs, the vices and the virtues of ordinary people.

A deeply religious man, he wrote for his children a life of Jesus. In spite of his many weaknesses, Charles Dickens became the most famous and popular of English novelists. Mighty was the impetus he gave to social reform in the British Isles.

Present Pageant



DR. KIRBY PAGE

### Expect 300 At Mission's Xmas Party

Christmas will come early to 300 children in the downtown area.

Beginning at 6:30 Tuesday night, busses will begin transporting them to a large neighborhood party at the City Mission, 801 St. Clair Ave.

Sponsored by the Churchmen's League, the program will include movies, reading of the Christmas story, tricks by a magician, Lori Newman, and distribution of gifts.

Charles E. Rhodes, chairman of the league's child welfare committee, is in charge of the party.

Children are being selected by the YMCA, Phillis Wheatley Association, Goodrich House, the Downtown Neighborhood Project of Clara Morris School and North Presbyterian Church.

### St. Philip's Plans Service at Dawn

The congregation of St. Philip's Lutheran Church, 2424 E. 79th St., will rise before dawn Christmas day.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
SANTA BARBARA COLLEGE

SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

19 December, 1953

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Mr Kriby Page  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Mr. Page,

Rev. Hildebrand of this church wrote to you earlier in the month as to whether or not you could spend several Sundays with our Wesley Foundation group. I am assuming the correspondence because I am Assistant Director of Wesley Foundation and responsible for the programs.

The dates January 3, 10, 17 would be best for us, though we have another speaker scheduled for one of those dates and would have to shift her to another time. This could be done readily if you could confirm the dates for us. I realize that they may have been taken since your letter of December 5.

As to the type of series we want: this invitation grew out of a discussion of the program committee. The suggestion was made that there ought to be a series on "What a Christian Believes" a sort of elementary yet thoroughly organized lesson in theology. In the reaction to the revivalism and rigid fundamentalism of the past century our contemporary generations have discarded the old terms of "sin," "salvation," "redemption," and a host of others so that not only the vocabulary but the very New Testament concepts upon which they rest are forgotten. So the students say "What does a Christian believe?"

We are not asking for a rabble-rousing fundamentalist evangelist. We are not resurrecting the shades of Edwards, Finney, or Mills. We want an enlightened teacher with respectable training who can sit down for three weeks and fit things together for us so that we can have a new insight (for many the first insight) into man's relation to God, the moral mess of his own making, and God's plan to get him out of that mess. Rev. Holdebrabd says you have, in one of your books, a "ladder of redemption" that might provide the basis for what we have in mind.

Please let me know whether or not you would enjoy handling a series on this topic and if the dates mentioned above are still satisfactory. If they are not, any of the dates from February 14 through April 11 would be satisfactory with us. Late May and June are too late. Exams set in and the students drift away for the summer. If the dates are agreeable but you do not want to handle this topic, I believe your series on devotion would be appropriate.

Twenty five dollars a night is perfectly satisfactory with us.  
Please answer to my home address:

Rollin W. Quimby  
337 Vista de la Cumbre  
Santa Barbara, Calif.

*Sincerely,  
Rollin W. Quimby*

THE PACIFIC-SOUTHWEST REGIONAL  
Fellowship of Reconciliation

820 So. St. Andrews Pl.

Los Angeles 5, California  
GLENN E. SMILEY, Secretary

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Dec. 19, 1953

Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Kirby:

Thanks for your contribution and all of the generous help which you have given to the F.O.R. and to me personally in the eleven years that I have been here. It is with a sense of real regret that I leave, in view of the wonderful experiences that I have had, but I do feel tremendously challenged by the new job and hope that I may be an acceptable servant for the organization that I love so much.

Sincerely,

*Glenn*  
Glenn Smiley

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# CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE . . . 740 North Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois

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December 21, 1953

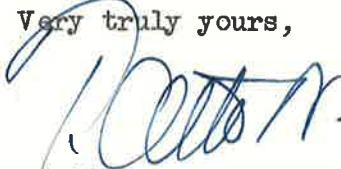
Dr. Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

Your devotional suggestions are of real interest and help to me, and I value these highly. But we are already publishing a column of devotional material for personal use, and once a month we come along with a page of suggestions for the whole family.

I wish we could add yours, but I see no immediate chance of getting them in.

Very truly yours,



T. Otto Nall, Editor

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Please address reply to my home:  
118 W. Coulter Street,  
Philadelphia 44, Pa.  
December 22, 1953.

Mr. Kirby Page,  
P.O. Box 247,  
La Habra, Calif.

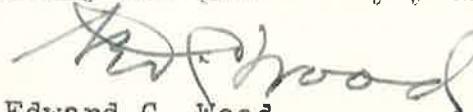
Dear Kirby Page:

You probably will not recall that I knew you some years ago, now, when you were secretary to our mutual good friend Sherwood Eddy. He and I have both read quite recently "Flying Saucers Have Landed". He thinks it is mostly "science fiction" to judge from a recent letter from him!

After 25 years research in the field of psychic revelation I can quite easily believe in most, if not all, of that part of the book by the co-author with Desmond Leslie, i.e. George Adamski. I have sent to you a copy on the chance that you have not seen one of the 20,000 sold in this country or of the 30,000 sold in Great Britain. Since you cannot be very far from Adamski's home in Palomer Gardens, we are hoping you will be willing to seek and obtain an interview with this gentlemen to "size him up" and give us your report on him. We will be glad to carry whatever expense may be involved in doing this. After reading the book, I am sure you will be glad out of sheer interest to meet him and talk with him.

This book bears out a theory I have worked out from my psychic research. I call it the "Developing Revelation of God", see enclosed article. In short, the pilot of the flying saucer, interviewed by Adamaski, is a "spirit", having lived and died on earth, and progressed in the world of spirit to become a member of the crew of a space ship, let us call him a "Saucerian"! I can produce facts to bear me out in this theory. You will see what I mean when you read the book. Hoping you can spare the time to do us this favor, believe me

Cordially and gratefully yours,

  
Edward C. Wood

enc.

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Twenty South Twelfth Street  
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Telephone, RITTENHOUSE 6-9372

December 23, 1953

Sherwood Eddy  
108 Finley Street  
Jacksonville, Ill

Dear Friend:

We have delayed in acknowledging the receipt of your check in the amount of \$100.00 designated for Kirby Page because we have not been clear as to how handle it. In addition this is one of our busiest seasons and we have been slower than usual in coming to a decision.

We are today airmailing your check to our regional office in Pasadena, California the office which currently is using the services of Kirby Page most frequently. In the meantime we would appreciate it if you could write to Robert Vogel, American Friends Service Committee, Box 966-M, Pasadena, California indicating to him the intention behind this gift. Is it to be transferred to Kirby Page or is it to be applied towards honorariums which the Service Committee gives to Kirby Page for his services?

Presumably if the money is to be transferred to Kirby Page himself, the gift cannot be considered as tax deductible since it is then a transfer item and not strictly a contribution to the Service Committee. If you are hoping that this will be a tax deductible contribution, I hope that you will indicate this to Robert Vogel so that they will handle it accordingly.

I want to apologize for the delay which has taken place in handling this check but I am sure it will be possible to get it into the bank before the end of the year. Robert Vogel will be looking forward to a letter from you and you may certainly expect to then hear from him.

Sincerely yours,

*Lawrence McK. Miller Jr.*

Lawrence McK. Miller, Jr.  
Finance Office

I have revised my Mass and it is improved. About 30 places had the language reshaped or better styled. The typing was raw and looked hasty when I handed Zilla the revised & reduced Mass in '35 with no typist.

I have asked Tom Barr of Inveray and the whole to take along his to make any changes she sees fit. I have added in an introduction & divided into 4 clear periods

1. Eng Immigrants
2. 15 years in India (you should use more original headings)
3. Disfranchised
4. After Return in 1931.

I do not think she means she can't rewrite them

4. compartments. I hope not. I like & don't mind these at one stroke, today, then & by resolution the same when I come to them in a later chapter. I cannot & will not rewrite Reasons in 40 lines - today, in the. I see no reason for doing so on. If she wants to take over & amend it I would prefer & send to Cross Press but I think it is almost ready for publication if she will polish up what she likes

DC

Box 27,  
North Newton, Kansas.  
December 23, 1953.

Dr. Kirby Page,  
Box 247,  
La Jolla, Calif.

Dear Friend:

The Christian Century, page 1493, refers to your "Living With Peace of Mind" in a way that interests me. I shall be glad to receive details from you.

We often think and speak of you in our home. We hope that things may be going well with you and yours.

Have been deacon in the College Church for nearly three years. My time is up January 1, 1954. I am glad to lay aside the official harness and do what I can with the freedom that is necessary for one's best. Much of my work has been counselling for which there is much need. One wishes for the strength of past years often, but loses no time deplored what no longer is.

To me a need is a call from God to do something sensible. There are needs galore.

May the blessings of our Master touch your lives most helpfully during this Christmas season and throughout the year of 1954.

Sincerely yours,

J.H. Langenwarter.

Going the first mile is for self.  
Jesus did not encourage that.

Going the second mile is sharing with others.  
Jesus advocated that.

Going the third mile is forgetting self while serving others. JESUS LIVED THAT.



John Young

At the old office.  
The shares & stocks. Our  
old office. I thought such  
of you since you left the

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# FIRST METHODIST CHURCH



MINISTERS:

ROBERT R. WASHER  
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PHONE 5471

STANFORD AND EUCLID  
GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA

December 24, 1953

*March 3*

Dr. Kirby Page  
Post Office Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Dr. Page:

In answer to your letter of the 21st, we shall look forward to hearing you on Ash Wednesday, March the 3rd, 1954, as the first speaker in our Lenten series. We would appreciate knowing the title of your address sometime in February if you please.

Thank you sincerely for accepting our invitation.

Very truly yours,

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

*Robert R. Washer*  
Robert R. Washer, Minister

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THE WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

731 RIDGE AVENUE  
PITTSBURGH 12, PENNSYLVANIA

December 24, 1953

Office of the President

Dr. Kirby Page  
Post Office Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Dr. Page:

Thank you very much for your note. I have suggested to the boys that as many as can use them write for "Living With Peace of Mind." It is a generous offer that you make; and after reading much of the series, I am sure that much good will be accomplished by its wide use.

With all good wishes for Christmas and the new year,

Sincerely,  
*Clifford E. Barbour*  
Clifford E. Barbour

CEB/am

622 Glenwood Dr.  
Redlands, Calif.

Dear friends:

A cell group to which I  
belong would like to study

"How To Pray"

I have but one copy of  
the ten I acquired last  
year.

I will send the money  
immediately upon re -  
ceiving your address which  
I seem not to find. I hope  
this card reaches you  
for I need 6 copies of  
"How To Pray"

Gratefully

Lulu Kahn  
622 Glenwood Dr.

# RELIGION IN LIFE

BY KIRBY PAGE

## Galileo Found Countless Stars With a Crude Telescope

Galileo Galilei was the first man to look farther into the heavens than could be seen by the human eye unaided.

He constructed the first astronomical telescope and ventured into distances impossible for all the astronomers who preceded him.

He was born in Pisa, Italy, in 1564, the son of a famous mathematician. He was an exceptionally brilliant student, and when he became a professor at the university he proved the theorem that all falling bodies descend with equal velocity, making use of the famous Leaning Tower in conducting his demonstration.

### Designs Telescope

For eighteen years he was professor of mathematics at the University of Padua. While there he heard of a crude telescope which had been made by Hans Lippershey in Holland, the significance of which had not been grasped by its inventor. In 1609 Galileo fitted the glasses from a pair of spectacles to the end of a lead organ pipe and found that he could see three times as far as with the naked eye. Soon improvements made enabled him to magnify his vision thirty-two times.

### Opposed by Churchmen

Turning this crude instrument upward he saw countless new stars, the moons of Jupiter, the rings of Saturn, and observed that Venus had phases like those of the moon. This was the first proof of the soundness of the theory of Copernicus that the sun is the center of

### Evangelical & Reformed

a vast system, with the earth revolving around it.

Ecclesiastical leaders, however, found it impossible to accept the new truth because it was in direct opposition to the Ptolemaic system upon which theology was based. Copernicus had not dared to publish his conclusions until he was on his death-bed. His teachings were condemned by the Catholic Church and opposed vigorously by Luther, Calvin and other Protestant leaders. Even John Wesley declared the idea to "tend toward infidelity." At the age of seventy, Galileo was compelled to recant, a broken old man, nearly blind, sick in body and in mind.

## Hall Is Elected Clericus Leader

Election of Rev. Laurence H. Hall as president of the Episcopal Church Clericus of Cleveland was announced today. Rev. Mr. Hall is senior canon of Trinity Cathedral.

Other officers are: Rev. John Davis of St. Andrew's Church, vice president; Rev. Robert Dean of Mission of the Good Shepherd, Lyndhurst, secretary, and Rev. Ira Crowther, Episcopal Church chaplain, treasurer.

### Evangelical & Reformed



## BISHOP IS HOST TO STUDENTS

Bishop Nelson M. Burroughs of the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio, above, will be host to students home from college at a luncheon Wednesday noon in the University Club. The custom, inaugurated last year, is expected to attract fully 150 students.

## Install Council

Members of the church council of Pentecost Lutheran Church, 13203 Madison Ave., will be installed at Sunday morning's service at 10.

### Methodist

## EPWORTH-EUCLID

East 107th St. at Chester  
The Sunday After Christmas  
December 27, 1953  
11:00 A. M.: Sermon by  
Oscar Thomas Olson, D.D., LL.D.  
"FINDING MATURITY"  
THE MUSIC  
"His Yoke Is Easy" ..... Handel  
"Hark the Glad Sound" ..... Davies  
7:30 P. M.: MUSICAL FESTIVAL  
SERVICE — CANTATA  
"Rejoice, Beloved Christians" —  
Buxtehude

The Epworth Hotel Choir

## NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31st

7:00 P. M.  
Youth Council Dinner Party

## 10:45 P. M.: COVENANT FESTIVAL SERVICE

The Service of a Thousand Lights  
New Year's Meditation by Dr. Olson

## "BUILDING FOR FUTURES"

THE MUSIC

"Thou, Lord, Our Refuge" ..... Mendelssohn  
"Gloria in Excelsis" ..... Stainer  
"Jesus, Lover of My Soul" ..... Aberystwyth  
"Come Unto Him" ..... Handel  
"Hallelujah" ..... Handel

## CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR

LEE AND BRADFORD ROADS  
Howard J. Brown, D.D., Minister  
9:45 A. M. SUNDAY SCHOOL  
11 A. M.: MORNING  
"Did You Get Me?"

74 WEST MARSHALL ROAD  
LANSDOWNE, PA.

Dec 27

Dear Kirby & Anna

California  
here we come. In about  
one hour we board the  
train for the sunny  
south.

We received your telegram  
and will be stepping off  
the train at Fullerton on  
Thursday morning at 9:15  
Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will be so  
wonderful to see you two  
again and as good of you  
to take us to your home  
Counting the days now

Lovingly  
Red & Esther

# FIRST FRIENDS CHURCH

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December 30, 1953

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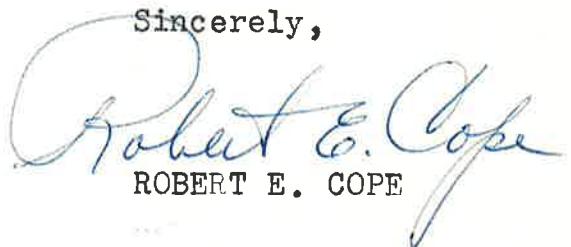
Dear Kirby:

The Woman's Society Meeting on January 28 will continue stressing the year's general theme, "Now Is the Time", and you are asked to use as your subject, "A Time to Keep and a Time to Cast Away" (Ecc. 3:1-8). Mrs. Coulthurst, who wrote to you, had in mind that you would emphasize the points she heard you stress in an Armistice Day talk before the Methodist Women, especially the point that now is the time to castaway old ideas of nationalism if we are to have world peace.

You and Mrs. Page are invited to the luncheon which will be served at 12:15. The afternoon session, during which you will speak, will begin at 1:15.

I am very glad that you can come to share your concerns with our Woman's Society.

Sincerely,

  
ROBERT E. COPE

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## Peeler Court

Hugo, Oklahoma

Pat is home from school today. Had the sniffles. So much Flu in Tulsa, thought it best to keep her home and doctor her. Expect a cold front in tonite. It has began to drizzle out now. Kinda feel bad myself. Thought I would just lie around most of the day so I would not be too tired when Billy gets home. When is Mary due? Gloria is expecting April 8. She is feeling great. Stay home and is learning to sew. Which is good news. Tell all Hello.

Loads of Love to all,

Iris

Send me Mary address  
We just put Linen Calif.

Feb 16, 1953

Dear Alma & Kirby -

Don't realize how long it has been till you write down the date. But there have been extenuating circumstances as they say. Somebody has been sick all of the time and John and I have both been to the hospital. He had to have some tests made to find out why he kept on that tightness in his

chest. It seems<sup>2</sup> that he has a slight heart condition. The report said no complications so it probably won't cause him too much trouble if he behaves himself. <sup>Angina pectoris.</sup>

About a month ago I had a big bump about 2 inches in diameter swell up under my right arm pit. Thought I was going to have a whopper of a razor but it never did come to a head so I went to the doctor. By the time we did anything about it the knot had divided and part was down near the middle of my breast and part just below my arm pit. The doctor took them out and they were cancerous so they will have to remove my right breast. I am to go in to the Anderson Cancer Foundation tomorrow. They will make tests and decide when to operate. Of course, I'm not eagerly anticipating it but I'm not too, to worried either. I've heard of so many healthy looking people

who had the same thing  
anywhere from one to  
thirty years ago.

We are still having  
some cold spells but  
the chickens are laying  
like mad and the trees  
and flowers are blooming  
so if this isn't spring time  
it is a pretty good imitation.  
Red bud trees have been  
in bloom for quite a while.  
Don't guess we'll get  
to have a garden this year  
too many invalids around the place.  
Thanks for the box of  
fruit. It was delicious  
and I'm ashamed I didn't  
write and tell you so right  
away.  
We aren't the only sick ones  
there has been an awful lot of  
flu. Our preachers family had it  
one after the other. Love - Johnnie

Box 7  
Thompson's, Texas  
March 27, 1953



Dear Alma & Kirby —

Took my last X-ray treatment Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup> and don't have to go back to the Clinic till April 29<sup>th</sup>. Guess they'll tell me then whether or not this right breast has to come off. They sure don't tell you much till the last moment. I had to go every week-day for four weeks and I was somewhat nauseated for the last three weeks. Now I'm sunburned all

over the X-rayed surface.  
And all I can use on it  
is some stinky grease  
 $\frac{1}{4}$ th cod liver oil and  $\frac{3}{4}$ th lanolin.

Can't even use plain  
water. Ever try to wash  
in spots? It is an art.  
I haven't quite mastered.  
Stood it one month,  
guess I can stand it  
one more. If I could  
know that would be the  
end of the story I could  
enjoy it. Guess they  
can't tell themselves till  
the time is up.

It is pretty nearly  
summer now. Never did

have much winter, just enough to kill the tendered vegetation, lots of things just kept on growing. Early stuff like the red buds and wisteria are about. Bloomed out. Didn't have any late frost down here so we ought to have plenty berries. We have had a fair amount of rain and just hope it keeps sprinkling once in a while during the growing season. We have had an awful lot of dry weather these



last few years and  
this neck of the woods  
usually has a fair amount  
of rain. Wish the wild  
pecans would make a  
crop for a change.

Hope you folks are  
doing all right. This  
going to Houston every day  
has been sort of hard  
on John and me both  
but we are doing "as well  
as could be expected" or  
even better.

Let us hear how you  
folks all are getting  
along. Love.  
Johnnie

We hope to get 8 Fresh  
After the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> for the Relay.  
will stay with  
Gloria & Jerry July. Apr. 30

Dear Alma, Kirby —

Paying bill on time  
for a change & want to  
get this off to you now -  
so excuse the hurry.

It's midnight & all  
are asleep but me.

Our garden is not  
a huge success either -  
however the berries are  
doing well & corn &  
lettuce came up beautifully.  
Only about 10 bean plant  
are up & almost nothing

Cinch this way - bid feel  
like something is missing !!

We made it up &  
my folks over the 11<sup>th</sup> &  
had a nice relaxed visit.  
They send their best &.

You. Expecting Margaret &  
Ray Hacteman & their 2  
girls tomorrow night.  
Wendy is all excited &  
I'm cleaning house like  
mad! Yeah - I know all  
about how fast things  
get out-of-order. I've had  
& have the place slicked  
up every week end for a  
month or so - but it's all  
there & do over again!

Wendy changed her mind  
& wanted another doll

of the rest. We've had  
a freeze since we put  
the garden in - which  
didn't help.

It was my last week  
end. It was a very  
busy time for everyone  
busy Community Day or  
here. Saturday & many school  
activities the week before.

Kay had night sleep  
classes for a solid week.  
Getting his sleep exhibit in  
order. It was fine.  
We were very tired - but are  
catching up on sleep.

J.V. baseball is finished  
- so Kay gets home ~~now~~ now  
at 4PM. He says it's a

for her B-day instead of  
the tricycle - which was ok  
with us as it cost much less.  
I've ordered one from Ward.  
but it comes with only a slip.  
So maybe the dress you make  
could go for this one. It's 18  
inch tall. The little girl  
Type - with jointed plastic arms  
& legs. No bumpy.

We are enjoying the  
avocados & are so happy  
that we'll have them when  
Ray & Margaret are here.

Wendy & Barlie were  
thrilled with the packages  
from Maine & Mary. Will write  
them soon. Wendy took a  
long look at the dress Mary  
made for Barlie & said "Mommie  
don't you think it's too big for  
Barlie?" Glad you'll be  
able to slow down & take it  
easy now. We loved having  
you here. As always - Sincerely

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

June 12 - 53 AM.  
Thompson's Tex.

Dairing:

Had a late start Wednesday  
and hit more detours than all  
the rest of the trip. Haled up at  
Post, Tex. 84 + 36 were both good  
only a short distance on 36 that  
was a little rough. Practically  
no traffic and little time lost  
in towns, so made steady time  
and got in here last night. They  
had just gotten the letter yesterday.  
Iris is down at bay, but Billy was  
home at night and going down  
on Saturday. Awfully hot on  
Wednesday. Hot Thursday too, but  
different. I almost dehydrated.

Johnnie in good condition,  
but has little poison ivy on one

arm. John figures that maybe some of the oil blew against car along highway and she got her arm on it. All she has to do is look at it to get it. John is off on Thursdays & Fridays now. It takes mail longer to get out here so allow plenty of time.

Hope you had good trip up.  
Do give my love to Louise & Sherwood.  
I'd like to hear the going on around there.

Heaps and heaps love  
Always yours  
Alice.

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*W. Throfta*

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Thompson 6-15-53

Waiting -

It is hotter than all git out  
down here, and suppose it is  
the same up there. Have the  
big fan going all day, but  
don't let it run all night.

Iris hasn't been home and  
as Billy was down there on  
Saturday & Sunday, haven't seen  
him yet. We might possibly  
drive down to bag Thursday  
as John is off Thursday & Friday -

I made some bread yesterday  
and John almost ate too much.  
Good bread even if I did make it

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have 4 doll dresses in  
the making. Maybe I'll have  
something to take up after all.  
Anxious to hear how you and  
Sherwood are making out.

Bet you are having lots of fun.

Johnnie goes in to Clinic on  
Wednesdays. The psychiatrists  
also interview her. They want to  
find out why some people heal  
faster than others. Johnnie does.

All my love

Yours

Alma

June 15 - 79.

Dear Folks

Am glad to hear  
you all are home and taking  
on a little rest. You probably  
need it.

We bought a house  
down on the bay shore  
between Clifton & San Leon.  
a bout 3 weeks ago  
and Eric and the  
two children have been  
down there for a couple of  
weeks. One of her sisters  
stand with her the first  
week and Bobbie is  
with her this week.

and I am going tomorrow night  
and stay a week or 10 days.  
She hasn't been doing fairly  
well but still not too good.  
I thought the exercise would  
be good for her but she  
haven't seen much improvement  
yet, but it will take time.

I have been going down every  
week end and some times  
during the week it only takes  
an hour or so to drive down.

We have a nice house not  
right on the water but just about  
100 ft and practically a private  
pier. We have done a lot of fishing  
but here my tongue much fish  
*(over)*

get better luck next week.

Maria's boy friend's name is  
Roy Mitchell seems to be a  
nice boy. Has no college educ.  
but that does not always make  
the man. although it helps a  
great deal. Has real dark curly  
hair about 6 ft tall. Not  
handsome but that nice looking.  
everyone else seems to be doing  
just fine. Bill got promoted to  
Jr. High (by the skin of his teeth)  
got a letter from John E.  
Johnnie today said they would  
come down tomorrow night and  
stay until Sunday write soon.  
Hope your folks are all well.

Lots of Love

Bethie E. Ellis.

June 29

Dear Folks.

Sorry that I have not  
written sooner, but I've been going  
at it pretty hard. Few adults  
has been done so far.

Before school ended I did  
the foundation day with lots  
of help. Then 10 days after  
school on a Tuesday, I poured  
the concrete and came up  
last Saturday for two weeks  
and as of now, three weeks  
after school began the outside  
stands up <sup>Floor joists + sub floor</sup> all some of the inside  
partitions, we should finish those  
in about a week. The weather is

Tomorrow by the time art  
leaves next Sunday we should  
have the ceiling joists up and  
the sheathing on the roof. The  
electric co. was slow in putting  
in power and it slowed us up  
some. The concrete cost only \$66  
+ about 10' steel reinforcing.  
So far costs are running about  
~~100~~ as I planned.

Art says he will come up  
and give us a blow by then  
so don't worry about him.  
The Party is up on two feet now  
all the time and is a to do every day.

Hi - we certainly have neglected you. Have  
neglected most everything except the work on the  
house & lawn. Also I had good intentions of  
giving the skirt off to you while you were at  
Marj - but my feelings came about.  
Then I've been ground under. Haven't  
had time to fit as much detail work  
on planning Caliente kitchen etc. - too

much cooking - baby-tending etc. She goes &  
I picked & canned cherries too. We ~~only~~  
got part of one tree of Big ones - but  
they were beautiful! I went with several  
other girls & all of our children to a friend's  
house to pick Tatarians. Made only 11  
pds. of jam this. Used the bitter it  
worked pretty well - but was slow  
going. When you come up in July you  
can take some home.

Have had B'day present for Maine  
& graduation for Margaret bought for ages  
just waiting to be mailed & along with  
the others of course! May be I'll get  
em off tomorrow.  
It's wonderful to have Art  
here. They have really made strides!  
Wish you could see it now.  
We took the day off last Friday &  
drove to Chico. Spent of the family  
in honor of a visit from  
Clara (mine) in town & a visit from  
an aunt & uncle from Mass. Lots of  
greetings & food (Art really enjoyed the latter!)  
He's not losing weight these days!!

One Wall & Mary leave <sup>today</sup> Eager to  
hear all about their trip. When do  
you plan on coming up?

Time for bed,

Lots of love, Eggy

July 17/53

Dear Alma : I have been  
a long time getting  
around to writing you  
a few lines. It was so  
nice hearing from you  
at Christmas time and  
I thought then I would  
write you the first of  
the year. Then when yours  
and Kirby's nice little

notes come welcoming  
us out at the holiday  
season sept winter, I said  
here goes a note to Alma.

When Byrdie got married  
I told my family and  
friends "I certainly wish  
Kirby was here to tie the  
knot," so you see how  
often you have been in  
my thoughts.

Right now I am attending  
the Cornell Institute. It  
is going very well. I think  
Red is pleased, there are  
about 100 delegates. Harry  
Freeman spoke this morning.

You may see one member  
of our family this summer.  
Alice is on her way to  
California. She is traveling  
with friends and  
has to hold to their schedule  
pretty much, but she  
said she was going to see

Alma & Kirby are break a leg  
trying. She will probably reach  
L.A. about middle of August.  
Betty has a new car and when  
summer school is over she  
expects to take her old parents  
on a trip to Wisconsin. I  
haven't been home in ten  
years. Red needs a long  
vacation and I think he  
will enjoy a visit to the farm.  
I don't like the idea of not  
seeing you and Kirby every  
fall but hope our trip to  
Calif materializes. Love Esther

*Inside*

[Aug 1953]

Alma Kirby

What a shame, when we appreciate SO MUCH your calls at our cabin on Orange Gr., that we had to miss you last Sat. Feel pretty badly about it. Friday we could not get nurse so slipped away Sat pm/ Called on Floyd and Alma Covington (long time head of LA Urban League, now Fed. representative of Housing Authority in Western States) and on Margaret Henderson.

Again we thank MOST HEARTILY our La Habra Heights benefactors for the contributions to our commissary department. You are too generous with us.

Why not see Mary and family late afternoon 18 Sept and then be my guests at the Rausch. Fel. Dinner-Program where many friends will greet you warmly and gratefully??? I dare you to!

G. Gman

Phillips University

EUGENE S. BRIGGS, President

Enid, Oklahoma

Aug 24 - 53

Dear Kirby & alma:

How the time goes by!

I should have written you weeks ago.  
Ran the movies through Sat night for  
the family. Most all of them taken at  
your place came out fine. Wish you  
could see them? Maybe you can  
sometime.

Joy and I surely did enjoy our visit  
with you good people in your lovely  
home.

Power to do both and God's  
rich blessing on you is our  
sincere desire.

Truly yours,  
A.S.B., for the family.

September 18 - later in the day

Dear John and Marj:

For hours Alva and I have been thinking and talking and praying about your future. Our conviction deepens that we are receiving guidance from God in urging you to consider with the utmost seriousness a drastic change in your type of work and manner of living.

It would be easy to open all the doors you can possibly enter as ministers of music, vocal and instrumental, in the churches of Southern California. Both of you are widely and favorably known. Together you could present sacred concerts, with tremendous lifting and inspiring power. Bishop Kennedy could, and we are confident would, eagerly open all the Methodist churches of the area to you. A letter from Eugene Carson Blake to all Presbyterian ministers here would have a similar effect. And so on with all the churches. One of the most hopeful possibilities would be union church services on Sunday evenings, where the churches of a community would pack the largest auditorium for one of your sacred concerts. The offerings to sustain your work would be generous and ample. We feel certain that almost every Sunday in the year could be used in this way. And surely it would be easy to find opportunity as soloists on Sunday morning with some great choir, or as visiting artists with a succession of choirs. The very thought of all the inspiration and challenge you could bring in a year spent in this way really moves us.

In addition to your Sunday, sacred concerts could be arranged as frequently as you have time and energy. The churches of a community would jump at the chance to have you appear in the largest auditorium available, and the offerings for your work would be adequate. One concert per week, in addition to what you do on Sunday, surely would yield more than two hundred dollars per week. Somebody like Wes could be obtained to assume promotional responsibility for these concerts.

Then too there would be a demand for regular musical concerts, with substantial financial returns. To us, however, these do not seem to be as important as the devoting of your talents to a spiritual ministry of song and instrumental music. And may indeed would be the opportunities to sing and play for radio and television audiences. But here also we are convinced that your ministry in the churches, face to face with people, would offer ~~maxima~~ opportunity to render spiritual service. Look ahead thirty years and see if you do not get a thrill over such a life together. You may want to talk this over with George Buttrick and Gene Blake.

We remember how reluctant you have been all these years to remain on Broadway and to live in New York. Long ago you found out that that type of life is not most favorable for your own spiritual growth and for the rendering of your maximum service to God. At your age and with your wonderful family, the lure of fame must be weaker and weaker in your lives. What really counts is not what people think of you but what you can do for them. Mere entertainment is not a sufficiently significant vehicle for your impact upon persons. Never have we felt a stronger prompting to say all this than to you at this time. All of us here will continue to pray that you may be shown clearly what turn to take and what doors to enter.

Affectionately,

September 18, 1953.

Dear John and Marj:

This was morning when your name appeared on my prayer list for weekly intercession. I have long been praying that you might be guided and empowered to use your marvelous talents for God to the utmost degree. We are living in an age which is becoming secularized to an appalling degree, yet there are many signs that people are hungry for God. Church membership per capita of population is the highest in American history. Religious novels and religious films are receiving an impressive response, as are religious programs on the radio and television. There is a deep yearning for God.

You folks are religious to the marrow of your being, and your deepest desire in life is to make your lives count. Both of you have rare ability and possess great power over audiences. In my period of prayer this morning I seemed to catch a vision of the vast spiritual power over people you could exercise if the way opened for you to spend your full time as ministers of music, spoken and unsung. These possibilities flashed through my mind:

1. Concentrate on religious films, through one of the companies like Cathedral Films.
2. A regular religious song program on some radio station.
3. Religious concerts in churches, on Sunday evenings and other evenings. In Southern California hundreds of churches would be open to you.
4. Sing regularly on Sunday morning for some great choir (or choir director).
5. Sing religious songs over the television.
6. Sing religious songs at luncheon clubs.
7. Sing for boy-and-youth programs.

To the depth of my being I am stirred by the possibilities. If you gave your total energies to this musical witness for God, only He knows how much good you could do.

When I began my prayer period this morning, all this had not entered my mind. It may be a prompting from God.

Affectionately,

Tues.  
Sept 18

Dear Alma & Kirby -

Received your letter

today. Kay left for Tahoe early this A.M. & will be gone until late Thurs. We were a bit stranded - as the Ford picked this time to get balky! However, after spending the day in the garage it is responding again.

I feel that the dealer has dragged already, and am crossing my fingers that it doesn't get worse ~~so~~ come early! we are racing against time to get "it" bed room finished.

Joe & Jane campus & bed spent the week end with us. Much fun & fun & Kay & Joe got the floor laid. Monday Kay sanded it. Fiber & varnish yet to do before wall can go up. Wish you could see Wendy's room

Painted a light beige (which  
actually looks more grey than  
beige - don't!) The closet with  
built-in dresser is a wonderful  
addition. Same deal will be in  
baby's room. Basile is in with  
Wendy now. We expected a little  
difficulty as both have always  
had rooms alone - but so far not  
a ripple! Anna - I'm disappointed  
that you are all saved up after  
the middle of October. You are most  
understanding. It really isn't so much  
that I feel mother should have the  
field this time - as the fact that too  
many adults could bring forth adverse  
behavior in Wendy & Barb. If all  
goes well with the Baby - we should  
lie down for Xmas - but it won't  
seem like old times not having you  
here when the Big Event comes off!

School starts next Monday &  
Kay is in good shape. Been having  
football practice for the past 2 weeks!

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary  
to you both! we don't seem to be able  
to stalk the budget past necessities these  
days - but our love & best wishes  
and yours as always - Egsie

Sept 30.

Dear Alma Kirby -

This is perhaps  
the last letter before the  
Big Event. Due one week  
from today, but the Doctor  
expect it any minute now &  
I must say I feel that  
way too. But judging from  
past performances I should  
go the full time — & I can  
use every minute of that time!  
We've all been so healthy  
for so long — & now has &  
the one time for me while

Dear family to be apparently  
catching cold. They leave it - I  
feel a suggestion & no gate too.

Great reception for a new baby.  
I keep tell they lie is just to  
ward off night - baby duty!!

Remember Alva - he pulled  
the same deal with Boobie?

So sad about John's show.  
Certainly do agree that this is a good  
time for them to take stock of  
where it all leading to - and  
your suggestions, Kirby, sound  
reasonable & could make for a  
most rewarding life. I imagine  
this but making a clean break  
would be most difficult for  
them - altho the risks involved  
wouldn't appear to be any more  
than the ones in their present  
type of employment.

-3-

We'll know more when  
Walt gets back. Hope he gets  
a chance to have some real  
talks with both of them.

Unhappy to hear you are  
both feeling under the weather.  
— especially with speaking  
date coming up. Take care — your  
health should come first.

We thought Art looked  
wonderful. The weight loss and  
tan have taken off about 10  
years. He didn't seem any  
lower in spirits than usual,  
but did say he hadn't been  
seeing any one in a long time  
I say it always gets him up  
to come for a visit. He hadn't  
been here you know since  
last May.

How goes the writing?

Mother comes this Sat - unless we have to call her before. No ceiling or door on back room, but the floor is in & wall up & painted. Not much time these days for Kay's work.

Kay will call you after the Bailey arrives & you can call me. We haven't their phone no.

My back has been bothering me for the last week. Don't know whether it just "gelling ready" - as that's where I have my spent & gain - or due to my spent & gelling - iron etc. to get things in shape. Will keep you posted. Sure to all you

Epsie

Box 7  
Thompson's, Texas  
Nov. 23, 1953

Dear Alma —

No, I didn't misunderstand about the shallot seed, Mrs. Galler just didn't have any and neither did the seed catalogues. There are such things but we should have asked him instead of her to save them. He is the gardener. If the shallot plants got there all right you can grow your own. She calls them seed. Reminded me of the old colored woman who had sold all her turkeys except a few she kept for seed. The green onion seed from Reuters might work out, I've never tried them but they sounded good.

We have had very little cold weather so far. Just enough frost to kill tender stuff too tall for the ground heat to save. And to start the leaves coming

down real good. So many  
grass hoppers they eat the little  
plants before they can get big.  
Good pecan crop this year. Both  
wild and tame. Finally got  
some Texas grapefruit. Those  
things from Florida just don't  
do after you are used to the Texas  
kind. Now, of course, California oranges  
are prettier. Seems as how I've been told.

My arm is still too big but otherwise  
I'm getting along nicely. I can slip  
into over-the-head kind of dresses  
quite easily. Not that I object to  
button down the front dresses, I  
just don't like to have to wear them.  
Can't reach around to fasten a  
brassiere in back yet but I can  
do most anything else I ever  
did before. We still have Lillie  
once a week and I don't get too  
ambitious at any one time. Just  
keep trying.

Love - Johnnie.



"The Kent-DeLord House"  
17 Cumberland Avenue,  
Plattsburgh, New York  
December 21, 1953

Dear Kirby & Mrs Page:

This letter goes to you today, upon a double mission: first to carry our very warmest Christmas greetings, and secondly, to take personal news that we hope will be of interest to you.

Although this message may reach you after December 25, we want you to know that we shall be thinking of you on Christmas Day, and are sending to you, upon "the ether waves", our best wishes for a truly joyous Christmas season, and a happy and healthful New Year.

You may be wondering where we are this winter, and what has been happening to us since you last heard from us. If you are, you may be surprised to know that we are still in Plattsburgh. As a matter of fact, we are remaining in this delightful little city,--almost "under the shadow" of the Canadian border, and approximately sixty miles from Montreal,--for the immediate future; and we expect to be here for some time to come.

When Champlain college closed its doors for the last time, in June,---following upon "Washington's decision to repossess the Plattsburgh Army Barracks" in order to reconvert them into a Big Bomber Base,--(after that had served effectively for seven years as a college of high merit),--most of its faculty and administrative staff as well as all of its students left this city to transfer to other schools of higher learning, but Rhea and I decided to remain in Plattsburgh until the autumn. We, however, made all necessary preparations for our departure. We planned very definitely to return to Olds Hall, in Daytona Beach, Florida, where we spent several delightful months two years ago, and where we still have many very choice friends. Aside from "taking things a bit easier" than we had been doing in recent years, we felt that I could there "do some writing" which I have had "on my agenda" for a very long time. Fortunately for us, we were able to secure a fine apartment for the winter, and we even had procured definite hotel reservations in New York City, for the night of October the first, and for travel a few days later, on the Florida "East Coast Champion" express, for our journey south.

Then, "the unexpected happened". Before we could finish our packing, we had a telephone call from a member of the Board of Trustees of the "Kent-DeLord House Foundation, in this city, asking us to change our plans, and inviting me to become Curator of its museum. A sudden shift in the personnel of that organization led the foundation to create this new position, which it had long desired to establish. The trustees wanted a person for that office who would not only be responsible for its priceless collection of "Americana", dating back to 1797, and earlier, but one who, particularly, would do some long-overdue study of the wealth of historic documents and other factual material, now stored away in its large, fireproof vault: data that have hardly been touched for fifty years. Because of my interest in the American Revolution, and the War of 1812; and because Rhea and I both were fascinated by the charm and gracious appointments of this attractive building, which was constructed

in the last years of the 18th century; and because we were thrilled by the prospect of living on the lovely banks of the Saranac river, at the point where it empties into beautiful Lake Champlain, we did what we believe most of you would have done, under similar circumstances, we accepted, and so, here we are.

This building, now recognized as a "museum" by the Department of Education of the State of New York, is known officially as the "Kent-DeLord House", and was so named in honor of its first two owners. Constructed, in the year 1797, as a residence for James Kent, a Plattsburgh lawyer, it was sold thirteen years later to Judge Henri DeLord, when its first owner moved to New York City. In the metropolis, James Kent became a professor in Columbia University, and while in that position wrote a set of volumes known around the world as "Kent's Commentaries". These books became the "final authority" for every barrister in this country, for over one hundred years, and Kent, himself came to be recognized by the legal profession, as the "Blackstone of America". Today his bust and bronze tablet occupy an honored place in the famous "Hall of Fame" on the campus of New York University.

After a few years' residence in this city, Judge DeLord became the leading and most substantial citizen of Plattsburgh. He and Mrs. DeLord were generous and gracious hosts. Henri DeLord was born into a family of wealth in Nimes, France, and brought to this country many choice articles, which had adorned his parents' home. Frances, their daughter, married into the Webb family of Wethersfield, Connecticut, and that marriage brought at a later date, to this residence, many invaluable treasures from New England. History records that Washington and Rochambeau held their last strategic conference together, in the Connecticut home of Joseph Webb, just before they went from New England to meet and defeat Cornwallis at Yorktown. It is for this reason that most of the articles in the "Webb Room" of the Kent-DeLord House still "carry the aroma" of their historic association with the "Father of Our Country". In one of Joseph Webb's account books, in our library, is an "entry" which records the payment made to a Wethersfield cobbler, "for repairing George Washington's boots" while the latter was a guest in the Webb home.

The Kent-DeLord House remained in the DeLord family for 120 years, after which it was acquired by a wealthy Chicago industrialist, whose boyhood home had been only a few miles North of Plattsburgh. That man, William Miner, determined to do what he could to preserve this residence as a "shrine" and a memorial to the early settlers of this "North Country", so he spent a large sum of money in restoring it to its original condition. He later established a Foundation which would insure its continuance, intact, for many generations to come.

In the war of 1812, the Kent-DeLord House was captured and occupied by the British army, and was used by its officers as staff headquarters during the "Battle of Plattsburgh", September 6-11, 1814. That occupancy saved the building from being looted or severely damaged. A "souvenir" of the "uninvited guests from the North", which they left behind, in their hurried flight, when they heard that their ships had been destroyed, is an iron-bound, English-oak, officers mess chest, which still contains four articles of silverware and what to me is of far greater interest,--their mahogany tea-caddy, which encloses, 139 years after their

precipitate departure, about half a pound of black-tea leaves. I wonder whether any other museum can boast tea leaves of such venerable age.

The famous "Battle of Plattsburgh", (September 11, 1814) in which Commodore Thomas Macdonough was victorious over the British Fleet, was the last naval engagement between ships of England and the United States. It signalized the birth of an effective American navy, and Mahan names it as one of the decisive battles of any naval history. That "clash of ships of war" took place on Cumberland Bay, only a mile out across the waters of Lake Champlain from the Kent-DeLord House. The flashes of the heavy guns must have been very apparent to persons looking through the East windows of this building; and the roar of cannon, and the rattle of muskets, undoubtedly were clearly heard by any person who remained in, or near, this House that day.

Although Rhea and I have always appreciated fine furniture, yet authentic masterpieces of Sherraton, Chippendale and Hepplewhite have taken on new significance for us since we now live and move every day among excellent specimens of such craftsmanship. Minton, Spode, Royal Crown, Willow-tree Pattern, and Wedgwood China which have long been well-known to Rhea, are now more than mere names to me.

In all the fifteen decades that span the life of this House, only two children were born here. This is the reason, we are told, why its furniture, portraits, crystal, fine porcelain, and especially its "objects of art" are still in excellent condition, although they were brought from New England, France, Italy and even from China, between 50 and 150 years ago.

Previous residents of the Kent-DeLord House had been content to live here, and to enjoy peacefully the graciousness of their surroundings. They stored away precious documentary materials, but did little more beyond storing them in drawers and boxes and ancient trunks. Now, it will be my privilege to study and classify these and to put them in such shape that they will serve to give a true picture of the days when men and women lived more leisurely and graciously, and accomplished many things that we cannot or will not be bothered with today. I have only begun to "delve" into the wealth of the papers and documents and books that are here, but I am thrilled by the prospect of the pleasure that lies before me.

Rhea is to have a very important role in our new establishment. She is to be the official "Hostess", and will have charge of the interior appointments of the building. She is having the time of her life, and already has made many marvelous transformations. By skillful regrouping furniture, rehanging portraits, and rearranging objects of art, she has produced almost unbelievable results that add to the charm and the beauty of each room, and give many of them an authentic tone that they lacked before. She has done a magnificent job in supervising the cleaning of every item, and has kept a number of women, and a large, strong man busy for many days, in her efforts to make every appointment as perfect as it possibly can be.

I hope that I have now told you enough about our new place of residence to lead you to decide that when you make your next journey to this part of the country, you will not neglect to include Plattsburgh, and the Kent-DeLord House in your itinerary, and that you will make a

special effort to come to see us.

Before I close, I want to tell you what, I am sure many of our friends will want to know, --something about Francis and his family. We continue to get good news from Los Alamos. Francis and Cathy and their one and one-half year old son: Geoffrey Newton, are still living on that beautiful 7,200-foot mesa-mountain top in Northern New Mexico, and are all well and are flourishing in that marvellous mountain air. In addition to his regular responsibilities in the field of Bio-Chemistry, in which he is working with several other scientists, who are trying to find cures for some of mankinds most obstinate "disease-enemies", - through the use of Atomic Energy, - Francis has been giving a great deal of time, "on the side", to study and experimentation in the field of "radio-active scintillation". He has written several "monographs" on that subject, and some of these, apparently, have attracted much favorable attention in scientific circles, although I must confess that their theses are far beyond my comprehension. One of his published articles recently led a group of scientists in his Alma Mater to invite him, last Spring, to go back to New Haven to spend a week in helping a specially organized committee, - composed of one member each from the department of physics, chemistry, biology, geography, and history, - to establish a new kind of instrument for use in determining, by their radiation of energy, the approximate age of geological and other historical specimens: ages that may range from 100 to as many as 50,000 years, in time.

Rhea and I have been hoping for another visit, in the not too distant from "Our Trio": But word has just come from "Out of the West" that Francis must soon leave Los Alamos, and go without Cathy and Geoffrey in the opposite direction and far, far away. He is now in the process of taking typhoid and tetanus inoculations, and small pox revaccination, in preparation for a "special mission" out to the "mid-Pacific". He has not been "ordered" away from his present work, for he is not a member of the armed services: But it is evident, from what we are able to "read between the lines", that his knowledge and his experience in his new field of interest, have made his services desirable to our Government, so he has been invited to be a member of the party that goes on that important trip. We do not know just "where", or "when", or "how" he is going, for these are facts that he cannot reveal, even to us. It will probably not be until he is back again, safe and sound in that lovely spot in New Mexico, that we shall be able to get the full story. In a later letter to you, perhaps I shall be able to disclose something about his mysterious journey. A recent broadcast by Paul Harvey, which I am sure many of you heard, led us to the conclusion that his destination is probably Bikini, in the Marshall Islands. Only time will tell the story.

Again, in closing, we wish to repeat our Christmas greetings, and to send you our very best wishes for the year "1954", which is now only "just around the corner".

Very sincerely

Newton

(L. Newton Hayes)

(P.S.) You may have forgotten me, but I shall always remember you and that enjoyable visit you paid to our home several years ago in Trenton. I shall be glad to purchase the book at Shaw's Eddy when it is off the shelf. L.N.H.

222 Cornell Avenue  
Swarthmore, Pa.  
December, 1953.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to each of you! Although tension and anxiety continue in world affairs, the truce in Korea lifts a weight of sadness from our hearts. We can be thankful that the area of violence has been lessened. Like you, we are increasingly perplexed and troubled by the widespread fear, conformity and confusion which seem to dominate living in the USA these days. The emergence of demagogues who in the name of freedom transgress the rights of others and intimidate many of our teachers, preachers and men of ideas is alarming....although too few are alarmed.

So much for the fear which seems to characterize our living in the atomic age. With regard to the conformity and confusion we are somewhat more humble - since we are somewhat conformed and confused ourselves.

TV has finally infiltrated our household. We are conforming, although with some hesitation. And we have even added a TV room on the back of our house - a kind of isolation ward which mother and father occasionally visit (usually managing to be in time for "I Love Lucy" or the "Show of Shows.")

Jamie--now "Jim"--is 14. He is the tallest member of the family, plays the Sousaphone in the Band, takes piano, plays football, likes flower gardening, likes school, is interested in the world. Betty Ann is 12, plays the clarinet in the Band, takes piano, plays hockey, sings in the Glee Club, likes school, is also interested in the world. Mary Lou is 11, plays 'cello, takes piano, sings in the Methodist Choir, and shares her brother's and sister's worldly interests.

Part of the world is a farm which we have bought this last year in partnership with another family--friends of ours. The farm is near State College, Pa. You'd be surprised to see us reading up on Holstein cattle, milk production, grassland farming ...more fun, and interesting, too...makes us listen to Mr. Benson's speeches.

Grandma'm is very well, and is our strongest TV fan, and a tower of strength in the Baking Department, Bendix Department and Washing Dishes Department.

Betty keeps calling the signals from the back-field, making end-runs, and supporting family plays. She is the chief polisher of the shoes, the chief helper with music lessons, the chief peeler of apples, the chief answerer of questions about homework, and just in general. She is the chief telephoner, the chief meeting goer and the chief reliever of the guilt we would otherwise feel about community responsibilities.

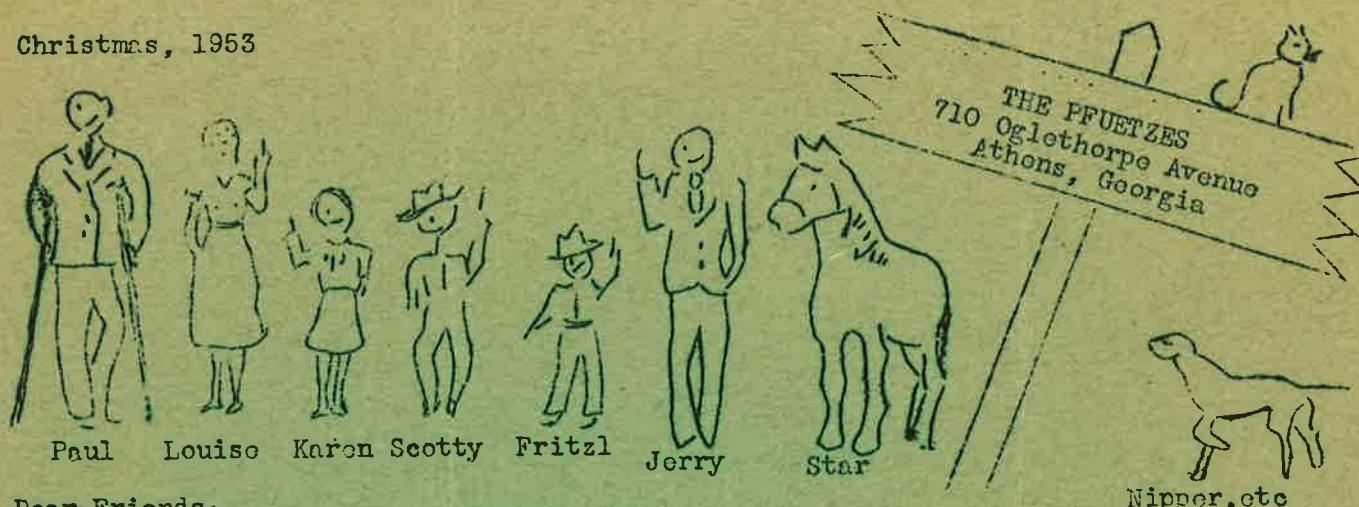
Roy oversees (overseas) and sometimes he over lands..to Mexico this past year and all around our fair country. He adds and subtracts budgets, keeps the family in line financially, helps CARE to help people help themselves, talks when and where an audience is.

Tippy, last but not least, is our only and favorite dog. She doesn't lead a dog's life - she eats with us and sleeps with us, and generally gives the impression she is not frustrated - knowing she is needed and wanted, especially wanted.

That's it for this year. Whether we are at the Cabin in the summer or here in Swarthmore in the winter, we always welcome any of you who may be traveling this way. This year, as always at Christmas, our hearts are filled with the love, the mystery and the wonder of it all. The world has grown old with its burden of care, but at Christmas it is always young again. May God bless you each and every one.

Greetings to the Pages & best wishes for  
the year ahead. What a tremendous  
time to be living - Ray & Betty -  
The McCormicks

Christmas, 1953



Dear Friends:

How rapidly the months roll by! It is time for our annual remembrance and news letter which brings you all near, as together we listen to the song in the air and bear our witness to a star in the dark sky--"the little Flame that into the sad world came." It is a strange sweet story that never loses its appeal--even in the midst of the howling wilderness of commercialism which now blasphemous the name of Christ.

The Pfuetzes continue to live on the "farm" on the outskirts of Athens, and try to make the most of what we have and of living where we are--in a rapidly changing "new South". Our three children are growing up fast--and learning the ways of the South, good and bad. Karen is  $9\frac{1}{2}$ , doing well in fourth grade, keeping the telephone busy, fastidious about her hair and wardrobe, going to classes at the YW. Scottie is nearly eight, and appears to be making a happy adjustment to second grade. His report card presents a "profile" of a boy who is hardly recognizable to his parents, who know him as a rowdy, teasing, irresponsible, gun-totin' buckeroo. Fritzl, now four and in nursery school, is a charming, harum-scarum, swaggering gun-fighter. Jerry Stara, our adopted Czech refugee student, is in his senior year at the School of Veterinary Medicine. Because of Jerry, we see a lot of the foreign students.

Last summer we were to spend the first half of the summer at home, with Paul teaching, and with ambitious plans for putting our home and farm in tip-top shape. But all those lovely plans went suddenly awry. On July 4th, while spending a "safe and sane" holiday at home, building a tree-house for the children, Daddy managed to fall and break his right hip. This put him to bed, with a big steel pin in his leg. A broken hip, he discovered, is a serious traumatic experience; though Louise accuses him (or the Council of Archangels) of planning the whole affair. For the enforced immobility gave Paul a relatively respectable excuse for a good long rest.

The weeks of rest did provide an opportunity to complete some writing, including the manuscript of Paul's study of The Social Self which is now in the hands of the printer and which one advance reviewer is generous enough to call "a valuable contribution to philosophical anthropology." Having learned to use a wheel chair and crutches, Paul began meeting his classes in the fall, and manages clumsily to do the necessary work of the philosophy department. Among other things, Paul continues the series of public lectures, begun so successfully last year, on the "Great Thinkers".

Louise has had her hands full--understandably! Fortunately, Paul's father (now 81) visited us late in the summer and, with Jerry's help, got our big house painted. Louise caught the fever and, on her own, painted porches, screens, furniture, the children's room, and sanded the floors. All of this, and more, was incidental to her manifold activities in the YWCA, League of Women Voters, PTA, Cooperative Nursery School, etc. Currently, her major effort is that of directing in our city and county the nation's first comprehensive study of crippled and exceptional children. It is a cooperative endeavor to analyze disabilities in one sample area, survey present facilities, plan for adequate care of each handicapped child, and provide a yardstick for similar studies in other areas. Louise is quite excited about her job!

Christmas is the season of the heart. So this letter brings to each of you our heartfelt greetings and brings you again to our fireside. God bless us every one!

Christmas 1953

Dear Friends:

How much we would enjoy seeing each of you, but we must be satisfied with a brief chat by mail. It seems too bad that there is no way of telescoping this world into a small space so that distant friends could be near.

Each year we say: "This has been a busy year." We must say it again, but it has been a busyness compounded of many enriching experiences.

As parents we have rejoiced in the steady growth of the children. We see Mary now in Junior High School absorbed in school, Scouts, Church, dancing class, a fine group of friends, maturing interest in many aspects of life. Charles has grown both up and out (no more skinny little boy), and continues to do well in school, to read a lot, play football, be active in Scouts, have many friends. Nancy is no longer a little girl. She is a full fledged first grader with the full six year old supply of enthusiasm and noise. We wonder where they get all their energy. We are glad for enthusiasm, for friendliness and for all signs of increasing maturity.

Our big all-family event of the year was the trip to Estes Park, Colorado, which was made possible for us. We had our very first experience of a month's real rest and relaxation in our wonderful Rockies. The little cabin at Association Camp was lots of fun--so little house work--and so many friends nearby, so many hikes, picnics, lots of sleep (John has never had so much sleep), delightful things like deer near the cabin, chipmunks eating from our hands, horses to ride; cold, cold streams; mountain flowers; birds, etc; beauty, endlessly changing, yet always present--the whole experience was a privilege for which we are deeply grateful.

The National YMCA-YWCA Student Staff Seminar at Estes followed our vacation with ten days filled with new ideas, real growth in understanding of our life and work, and the glory of renewing many friendships and building new ones.

We had fine visits with several relatives and friends on our way to and from Colorado. It is always such fun to get re-acquainted with our relatives and to introduce them to the children. We were amazed to have John's brother Harlan move to Urbana in August. He and Marceitis are teaching in nearby communities, and Johnny is here at the University of Illinois. Janet is attending Urbana High. For the first time since we left California we have relatives nearby so we can have family gatherings for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We find it is a fine idea.

Elizabeth has discovered that the presidency of PTA is not only a lot of work, but a real privilege. She would be glad to give a lecture on the real value of PTA and its significance in our American life! Attending the State PTA Convention in April was a very stimulating experience. Of course local PTA units usually fall far short of the very best for which PTA stands and yet in

their total impact they continue to be a very powerful movement for the improvement of all aspects of the welfare of the nation's children. (One PTA officer said her husband says "PTA" stands for "Perpetual Telephoning Association." We are all inclined to agree!)

John's work at the University YMCA continues to be a real challenge. This fall he has been given a special assignment as Director of the International Student Program. This means that he is responsible for the development of an expanding program for the 700 students on our campus from abroad and those American students who can be interested. The program includes bi-monthly International Suppers, tours and home visits to cities and farming communities in Illinois and TVA, Little UN Program, speakers bureau, social program, orientation, personal counseling and assisting with housing, etc. Our YMCA is the only one in the country that has an opportunity to undertake such a specialized program. All that we do is done with the idea of providing for the student from over seas an opportunity to not only see various parts of America but to get to know personally American families, and on the other hand we are trying to increase the number of families in our state who have had the opportunity of knowing another person from abroad. We have long been interested in peace and we believe that this personal approach to understanding is one of the best ways we can help to achieve it.

We cannot close without saying that the "welcome mat" is always out for all of you who may pass this way. Some have come and stopped a while, which has been a real joy to us.

So we come to Advent Season and Christmas. It is our earnest hope that we may dig below all the commercialism of this period to discover the real gift of Christmas. Christmas only comes to us when we see the spirit of Jesus of Nazareth born in us. - when we surrender ourselves to Him asking that he mold us and make us after His will and use us as an instrument of His to bring peace and goodwill to our troubled land. It is when for love we live and when for love we die that Christmas surely comes. "Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."

Merry Christmas,  
John, Elizabeth, Mary,  
Charles, and Nancy Price  
909 S. Vine St.  
Urbana, Illinois

P.S. The children wish to announce that inasmuch as three rabbits have suddenly become many more than three, we would be glad to sell you a lovely rabbit any time.



Christ, the Saviour is born

NINETEEN-FIFTY-THREE.

Dear Good Friends, Close-by and miles away:

It is always a delight to greet those who have enriched our lives and tell them of the joy we've had in knowing them and what their friendship has meant to us. Especially is this true at Christmastime.

The year nineteen-fifty-three has been somewhat less exciting than last year, largely because we have done little traveling in comparison. We have been over in the San Joaquin Valley several times upon differing missions; visiting dear ones in Fresno and Sanger, as well as good friends there and elsewhere, ministering to bereaved friends in Fresno, Visalia and Clovis, speaking before the IOOF Lodge in Fresno at its Memorial Service, and attending our Church State Convention at Modesto last May. How enriching it is to meet friends of former ministries and renew "old times" with them! How one sees the happier side of one's ministry through intervening years.

In July we went to Portland for our International Convention. The drive up the Redwood Highway was as exhilarating as usual. Stopping at interesting places along the way; enjoying the sunlight filtering through the majestic redwoods and the wind swaying the trees and singing nature's sweetest music; being lulled to sleep at night by nearby gurgling streams; these make the trip a memorable and most enjoyable one.

Portland, city of roses, went all-out in its welcome, furnishing the setting for one of our greatest Conventions, so well planned for and advertised; blessed renewal of World-tour friendships; wonderful visits (though way too short) with those we have known and loved in earlier ministries. What a thrill it was!

Returning home via northwest Oregon where the Columbia River flows into the mighty Pacific, we came down the west coast some distance, thence inland and south down the "99" Highway. Cool, refreshing summer awaited us in Watsonville where the apples, lettuce and strawberries grow abundantly. Ministering in this magnificent church edifice to a group of earnest, consecrated people is our joy.

Serving on our State Missionary Board of Directors, seeking to worthily represent the Santa Clara District; Chairman of the Mission Church Commission, burdened with its needs and praying for greater resources to meet the challenging opportunities in the developing communities of Northern California where new churches are so badly needed to help them know Christ and His saving power is my happy privilege.

Both of us are teaching in our Bible School. Blanche is serving as President of the Christian Women's Fellowship and finding joy as it grows in quality of program, in numbers, and in vision.

The delight of preaching God's word from this great pulpit, reveling in the fellowship of Kiwanis, Masonry, and other relationships, the comradeship of loved-ones and Christian friends are all that we could ask of life.

To all of you who, by ties of love and friendship, have enriched our lives we wish all the joys of the Christmas season, the consciousness of the presence of Christ in your lives, the glories of a New Year of opportunity and service, and the thrill of life abundant.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR to all.

Blanche and Chester Snyder.

Dear Kirby and Alma,

Thank you, Kirby, for the "Peace of Mind" editorials. They are so fine in their simple directness, as well as depth of experience, the best writing you have done, I think. Your generous use of them is a splendid way to reach many people.

I don't know whether you have been in touch with Allan. It has been a difficult time for him. He was quite unprepared, appar-

ently, for the reaction of the church when he told the trustees and a few others that he planned to leave.

While I don't know just what

## Christmas Greetings

Allan has told Glen, I think it is clear now that he will not assume the secretaryship but will remain pastor of the church, taking a few months off, if the church consents (and it will if Allan makes it clear that he wants it), to work for the F. O. R.,

especially among the ministers  
in this area — perhaps from  
Feb. 1 to May 1. That is what  
Elizabeth told me Sunday.

May the year be full of  
blessings for you both.

A Heavily,  
Helen

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"Little Plays of St. Francis"

No. 2

The Fellowship of Reconciliation  
29 Great James Street, London, W.C. 1

Dear Friends -

The association with you has been such a joy this year. Thank you both. I shared my Extra Phainopeltis with Charlotte, who has had the nerve in her back severed, to ease the pain and is back at home again. Keep praying for her. This message of Guy's I've had reproduced, feeling our friends would enjoy sharing it with me.

The most blessed of blessings to you & a good new year, may it bring us Peace. Affectionately yours These

El Camino Community Methodist Church  
Route 1, Box 378, Gerber, Calif.  
December, 1953

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We have actually had in our home here one of our former fellow-missionaries from Kiukiang, China. She was Miss Jenny Lind, who is now a missionary in Japan. Perhaps we shall see her again on her way back to Japan. In early October Edna went down to Linden to welcome our first grandson, who came on Oct. 3. His name is Mark Page.

During the past year Edna got her driving license and now we both drive our car, which is a great lift in our rural situation. Another help comes from the increasing number of phones that people have in this section. Television has just come in like a flood.

April was our month of evangelism and we won, trained, and received a considerable number of new members. The Conference Director of Evangelism himself was here to direct the work of team-training and visitation. We had a fine training school for Sunday school workers and hope to have another one soon. We have a very active WSCS. One division of it meets in the afternoon and another in the evening.

As in other Methodist churches, we now have four major commissions to attend to the work of the church: those on Evangelism and Membership, Education, Missions, and Finance. We were much encouraged by the way in which these commissions have tackled their respective tasks. In November, the chairmen and some of the members of these Commissions went to Red Bluff for training in their responsibilities under the guidance of special leaders.

Our church gets a good deal of publicity thru two daily papers, one bi-weekly, and a radio program put on weekly by one of our young women. In this central part of Tehama County four of us ministers have organized a very simple type of ministers' association. This interdenominational group wants to consult together and cooperate for the good of the cause.

We continued our missionary career by giving China programs in other churches and places. These programs included such features as talks on China and exhibits of Chinese articles; chalk talks on the Chinese language; and a slide lecture on China. One address was on Africa.

A number of groups in our church made studies of Africa. A big and successful Family Night and Africa Program concluded these studies. We had African exhibits, and African program, and even some African food, as well as African prayers and proverbs. Edna's class showed the "movie" on Africa that they had made. A film-strip depicting an African boy and his life was shown. People brought in garden seeds as they came in. These seeds were sent to Africa, planted there, and we have heard that our African friends have eaten the first crop of vegetables from our seeds!

We found a new place for our summer vacation. This time it was not Paradise, but a place with a more prosaic name. It was Mill Creek, about 50 miles from home and at an elevation of about 5000 ft. For two weeks we lived among "the murmuring pines and the hemlock". Such lofty, lofty mountain trees! (In June once again we had driven to the mighty trees of the Calaveras Forest, where they have samples of the really BIG TREES. We went with Kirby and Evelyn and their family).

At Mill Creek we were near the entrance to the Mt. Lassen Volcanic National Park. This is the most recently active volcano in our country. Evelyn and her family came up from Linden and spent two days on the mountains with us.

Margaret and June enjoy their work in Chicago, where June is still in library work and Margaret is in a hospital research project on the subject of infant mortality. June is greatly interested in her avocation, which is that of painting. Our Thanksgiving vacation was spent with Evelyn and her family.

Cordial greetings to all,

Chas. and Edna J.

Wishing you both a  
Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year.  
and may God add His  
richest Blessings to you  
in all you do. Thanks  
for your inspiration &  
Christian Fellowship.

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The Season's Greetings  
from  
Margaret and Harold

shown here with their daughter, Nancy  
and her husband, Dr. Samuel Gerber  
on the occasion of their marriage  
June 20<sup>th</sup> 1953

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Dear Kirby & Alma

With son Bill & brother Phil both in California someday Margaret & I hope to get out there. It sure would be fun to see you both & have you get to know my Margaret. Thanks for sending me Nanking with Peace of Mind. When you wrote me for any contribution I might be able to make to your biography of Sherwood Eddy, I began hunting for the letters he had written me over the years. Somehow in moving from Ann Arbor to the farm they got left behind or mislaid. As I remember relatively few were personal & you must have all the circular ones. I will continue to look. By the way what is Sherwood's address now? Three of our six children are married now. Like you, Margaret & I have slowed up a bit but we still find life immensely worth living. Love, Harold.



## The Pier - i - Odd - ical

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Dear Folks:

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Well...yes we're well thank you, but maybe "not so good". An old friend whose name we wouldn't mention - but he lives at Black Mountain, N.C. and signed his name hieroglyphically with a picture of a cat and a # (musical Sign) wrote: "I hope Bertha is better and that Stan is no worse - and I don't mean physically".

The months that have dropped out from under us since last issue of ye paper a la Pier have, perhaps, brought improvement for Bertha and not too much deterioration to Stan so we hope the hopes of our unidentified friend above (no, he's still on earth) and ourselves have been realized. Events few, visitors fewer, but more and more we believe that mere events aren't important - the way we take them makes or breaks us.

Not in event, restriction or release, Not in scenes near or far  
But in yourself lies restlessness or peace, Rest where you are.

Then too, in the course of a year if a thot or an idea comes along that is big enough not to slip thru our mental mesh, like a gnat thru a butterfly net, the year has been worth the whistle. We trust wo garnered one or two - that stuck.

Bertha's Doctor says she is the best he has seen her in over two years. Her vision hasn't improved and she has given up driving, so finally after "Old Faithful" stood lonesomely in the garage for over two months we cold-heartedly sold her for a few bucks (the car we mean). Stan finds walking good and neighbors kind so we manage the groceries, etc. O.K. tho sometimes the speed isn't quite up to the old Hoss-'n buggy days. At that we'd trade this Atomic Age for the safety of those times.

At our Church we have "Friendly Folks"; a mostly social organization of people over 50. Monthly meetings average about 100. Paradise has an unusually large percentage of the retired. Why not, since Paradise is a sort of preparatory spot for the Paradise after you have "crossed the bar". Now don't confuse that bar with the Pair o' dice Saloon after which some pseudo historians claim Paradise was named.

At the October meeting of the "F.F.s." starting down the stairway leading to the basement for the "pot-luck", Bertha tripped - not the light fantastic - and fell down stairs. Believe it or not no bones were broken tho her Doctor said he would have expected her in a basket, but it showed how well her bones had absorbed calcium the past few years. Even with bad bruises and a cut on the back of her head, with three stitches, it was a miracle she came out s̄t well. And so we thank God again.

For some weeks last Spring Stan endured secondary Glaucoma in his blind (right) eye. Finally on June 3 he had it removed at Ft. Miloy Vet. Hospital, San Francisco. On June 23 he went to the lab. at V.A. Headquarters, S.F. and got his plastic eye. It's a fine job, preferable to false teeth. Reminds us of the Banker who got a new glass eye and a customer said he thought he could now see a bit of human sympathy in one of the Banker's eyes. And these two "events" in '53 serve only to remind us how much better off we are than millions in this messed up world.

Early this year we were accepted for the Casa de Manana (Home of Tomorrow), La Jolla, suburb of San Diego, Cal. This fine resort hotel was purchased by the (Methodist) Pacific Home Corporation as the third unit of its retirement homes. It opened in August. The House of Piers has been for sale since January but so far many

lookers and no takers. It will take about all our fortune to become members of the Casa so our going depends on sale of our home here. If and when we leave here it will be regretfully, but under our circumstances we think it will be "a good deal" for us. If we stay put we will be content and try to take advantage of the many opportunities right here. Might have to get a house-keeper sooner or later. Meanwhile we have formed a cooperative in the housekeeping department.

We've enjoyed 9½ years here. We have a lot of good friends, largely thru working in various groups: Our Church, which has grown from 175 to some 475 members; the Church Scout Troop for 8 years, recently dropping out; The Social Action Committee, thus far largely a study group; The Paradise Welfare Council; As charter members of the Chico Council of the Blind we have been inspired by some of the most courageous and happy people we know; A little "politicking" in local affairs; Participated in the struggle to keep America free from militarism (particularly UMT), incidentally got called "some of those names" for differing with some who think a Communist is anybody who disagrees with them. And in these days of fear and "guilt by association" we more than ever believe in what the American Civil Liberties Union is fighting for. May we again invite you-all to put in your \$5.00 (membership) worth and be counted with us who are doing what we can to preserve Liberty, speech, religion, etc. a la the 14th amendment. Are we propagandists?

We are still getting entertainment, info and inspo from our talking books. Since last report we've read 50 more, quite a variety. Might recommend: Holt: George Washington Carver, (Great Scientist, Christian, Benefactor.) Bindt: Handbook for the Blind, (Several chapters for the sighted also. Worth your time.), Carson: The Sea Around Us, Mowat: People of the Deer. One of our blind group, some 40 years with Sacramento Bee, now our publicity man, has read over 700 talking books in 11 years.

Phyllis continues at Valdosta State College (Ga.) as Professor of the terpsichorean art tho would like to go on for more graduate study. Hilary, 14, has become quite a correspondent with "Gram and Gramps". She sends snapshots of fun and frolic at home and beach, a pal, a pony friend, with an occasional one of brother Julian, 12. Both are doing well in school, tho Julie seems more interested in athletics than practicing his "Writin'" on his grand parents. But Gramp used to play football and can understand. "Shoulda seen him throw 'em for a loss" on the old Lynchburg Hi Team in '07.

Many wonderful letters, hands across the miles. How do some of you think 'em up? Wise-cracks, good humor, excellent original poetry, deep philosophy, love and friendship. One had the audacity to refer to this dignified journal of opinion as "your su-Pier-ior scandal sheet", but he is capable of downright top-flight philosophy. A couple "with their agos averaging 40" who "are finding that life is 'beginning' in a deep new way", said: "Do you find it hard to live purposeful, creative lives in these days?" It has become increasingly clear to us that in order to so live with courage and vigor, our actions need to coincide with our basic philosophy...we live in a spiritual universe...We need to evolve a world view which includes, not excludes where there are tensions, an attitude of nonviolent reconciliation... Certainly a radical reorientation of Christian thinking... God transcends man-created lines of separateness, and includes all men... It is a great age to be alive. We feel a new expectancy about adventuring. What is your thinking and feeling?" Ruth and Elmo Wolfe.\*

We, whose ages average over 20 years more than those adventurers, think they offer an extremely pertinent challenge for "dangerous" living, along with the joy of Christmas. Is it not the sort of living required by more of us if civilization is to be saved from it's own destruction? To all a thoughtful and happy Christmas - and '54.

We'll be seeing you in all the old familiar phrases,

"R. L. 5401 Muskogee, Okla.

Bertha & Stan Pier

over

Grads of Okla. At M. - Now at Argenta B. C. Camps

Dear Kirby:

I doubt if we should wish this rather long winded paper on you, but we want to say thank you for all you've done for us, not to mention thousands of others over the World.

We know you are one man who really is "busy" so we understand if you are "too busy to write".

I have been reading "Living Joyously". I wonder continually how you collect all the wonderful thoughts and hard hitting items I find in it. You have done a very effective thing in putting all that under one cover.

May God bless you and Mrs Page in your work. A joyous Christmas and big New Year, but we know you are a "Happy Warrior".

Sincerely,

*Stan Pier  
Bertha Pier.*

2807 1/2 Lubbock, Fort Worth, T

Dear Kirby & Alma Page:

Warmest regards to  
you good folks from us.  
We think of you often  
and your wonderful  
work here in Fort Worth  
and elsewhere. It is  
greatly needed.

We are well, busy  
and happy. Have sold our  
home and will soon  
build again.

Dorothy & Harry Munro

The painting is an original by Hans Herzog; the verse is *The Song of Little*, by Thomas Butler. The card is published by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, New York; proceeds from its sale go to the Fellowship's work of peace here and throughout the world.



Merry Christmas  
from  
Reg and Phil Gray



Many thanks for the Mr & Mrs Kirby Page  
fine radio talks. We think P.O. Box 1247  
back on your new trips  
here as one of the highlights  
7/1953

La Habra  
Calif



Murphys, California  
Christmas, 1955

Dear Kirby & Alma,

Christmas season 1955 finds us in our third year at Murphys, as Bill continues to serve Congregational churches here and in Angels Camp.

News of our family circle comes first: this year we have been touched by both birth and death. As you can see by the picture, David Francis has joined us (born Sept. 17). However, he came too late for his grandparents Grosbach, who both died during the Spring.

You will recall that they came to live with us last year when they were ill. Jeanie's mother entered into her final illness, the last stage of the multiple sclerosis she had battled for so many years, in February, and died in March. Then Jeanie's father, who had cared for his wife for so long, became worse with his chronic leukemia, went east to visit his son, and died there in April. We miss them greatly, but we are grateful they could be with us for a time, and that God could take them past sickness and death.

Our home life is now centered in Cathy and David. David is a quiet, agreeable child who is very easy to take care of. Cathy has made room for him in her life, helps him with his bath and diapers, and is exceedingly flattered when he smiles at her. Cathy has developed astonishingly: she has learned to talk this year, and it has been fun to watch the participles and plurals and negatives fall into place in her speech week by week. She has gained unexpected skill with building towers, houses (and churches!) with her building blocks, accompanying this activity with a steady stream of words like, "I will build big, big tower now, yes, then knock down, go boom!"

We had a wonderful summer vacation in August. We both realized that we had never gone on an honest-to-goodness camping trip together, so this summer we left Cathy with Bill's parents in Altadena, camped in the Grand Canyon and elsewhere in Arizona, and went about 300 miles into Mexico for a couple of days. Nothing else we might have done could have been more refreshing for our spirits. . .

Our parish ministry has expanded by 50% this year, as Bill was joined in July by another minister, Bruce MacKenzie, who lives with his family in Angels Camp. He shares the ministry with Bill in both churches for half his weeks, devoting the other half week to a near-by state delinquent boys' school, Fricot Ranch School, where he is Protestant chaplain. Two direct results of this expansion have been an enlarged youth program and a weekly church service which Bill has been able to initiate at White Pines, a lumber town 12 miles east of here in the mountains. We feel like pioneers as we move ahead in this half-county-wide program; we have never heard of another instance where two ministers jointly serve two churches and a state institution. Bruce is a recent seminary graduate, he and his wife are high-spirited and capable, and we feel it a privilege to share this adventure with them.

In the midst of the busyness of parish life, in the midst of the hysteria that is pressuring us into conformity in our common life, the coming of Christmas sober us with a reminder of what is really required of us: to dedicate ourselves anew to Jesus' life of joy and sacrifice, so that we may help and not hinder the world on the path to peace. God grant such dedication in us all! *Boo-leen-Cathy-David.*

MRS. PHILIP GRAY

739 HARVARD AVENUE, CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA

Monday

Dear Kirby,

We have decided to hold the meeting at our house after all, because our living room is larger than the Griggs'. I think there will be about 30 of us. We're all looking forward to 7:30 on this Thursday evening. Almost all of us will be Friends or Attendees of Friends Meetings.

Meanwhile the children and I go to San Diego to see the Zoo and the beaches on the way. Phil

doesn't have vacation until next  
week.

Please tell Anna how much we  
all want to see her too.

Your friend,

Peg

Sewickley Pa

Dear Kirby, Oh my thanks!

again your delicious breads  
and tins have given me a  
treat. They came in perfect  
condition to ripen slowly.

I do enjoy them and  
thank you so much.

I hope you are keeping  
well and Anna, too.

Our Springtime is  
here and so exciting  
at last time,

God bless you,  
Yours in the fellowship.  
Margaret

Forgot to put Flu  
in! Got cement  
poured in patio  
Friday & the lawns  
disked. Wonderful to  
have these 4 days of  
vacation, all feeling  
better. Love, Epsie

ask about trimming in  
the old trees; you could  
bring them down with you.

Please Mary call Dick Childs  
and see if he still has  
some Iris, and ask if we  
could have some re-pot.  
(for next year.) (too late  
now I guess)

Tulipings are going well  
now and every one is feeling  
fairly good, any how you  
will see lots of improvements  
about the place and us.

as ever,

Kay  
Eric  
Barby  
Wally.

You have to have this  
card to buy anything.

Dear Folks

The lawn is coming  
along nicely and should  
be ready to mow by the  
time you get here. We  
can use a lot of berries,  
but don't buy any, bring  
what you can, also any  
shrubs etc. we don't  
plan to plant much in the  
way of flower for a while -  
too much work.

We need tires - so -  
or page 27 seems to be the  
best place. I want ~~green~~  
Good year tires size 6:70-15  
no tubes, one white sidewall

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Saturday noon

Reclining:

Reading more  
& talking constantly -  
when not listening

Sledding an hour  
after lunch

in cooled house!

So!  
much love

Kirby

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Monday  
7:50 PM

Dear Kirby:-  
your good letter of Sat  
just came - One from <sup>Gaelup</sup>  
also - And one from Alma  
today. How since you left  
Both were, and not a  
dare moment -

Just shot the water  
off - takes lots of it -  
Mary & Walt took bins  
last Tues night and Maine  
took over 5 Boxes Fri  
and 5 more ready to go  
by in the morning -

Watering all the garden  
stuff every other day -

Hot House Once a Day

Maine Watered Poinsettias -  
Getting Weeds out and  
irrigating about half the time

Lawns every 2 and 3 days -

Glad you had good trip  
and that Aces Well -

Always glad for a letter -  
Keep us posted -

Miss us bad better send Love  
this to Thompsons as we wait for you -  
here when you will be leaving. The woods  
have been keeping plenty busy. Glad to get  
your letter alwa. Give our love to all  
mine

Venture Complete - but  
uncriticized - must take  
New York 20<sup>th</sup> —  
Cover you fly here  
my expense - Critique Whole.  
Confer on all problems  
for one week — *Shenandoah Eddy*  
They want answer immediately

# IRONCRAFT

PHONE PRESTON 8164 P. O. BOX 8568  
1515 SPRING STREET  
HOUSTON 9, TEXAS

Dear Folks,

I guess you think we have all  
curled up and died but we are still kicking  
we had a very quite Xmas. ate dinner  
with Gloria and Sat. Bobby and her tribe  
and Gloria and her family ate with us.  
as it was all cooked Day before Xmas.  
Gris is still pretty shaky but my and  
about. Has lost about 30 lbs. The  
Dr. told her she had two on account of  
her heart. Can't drive for some time yet.  
Every one else is doing OK. except for a  
cold now and then. Gloria and Roy  
Bought them a new house. We were down  
to Bobbys a couple of Sundays ago to see  
Faddie Ordained, an Elder in the Church.  
The youngest one. They are going to have  
an addition to the family in April. Never  
a dull moment around here. If your  
tribe and ours ever all get together we  
would have to hire a hall to get them all  
in.

**IRONCRAFT**  
PHONE PRESTON 8164 P. O. BOX 8568  
1515 SPRING STREET  
HOUSTON 9, TEXAS

We are going to Johnnies Sunday afternoon  
and go to church with them as John  
said he would go if we came and  
that would please Johnnie very much.

Eris mother has been pretty sick has  
been in bed for 6 weeks over at Geneva's house.  
Her age is much against her. 78 I believe.  
Bill has made quite a nice looking boy  
since he grimed up in the last year.  
He is assistant Head Usher at Lowes State  
Theater works after school and on the week  
end. It has done a lot for him. Helps him  
meet the public and he has overcome  
quite a bit of his shyness.

Bat is as fat as a little pig and  
hard as a rock and growing quite a  
bit.

We are glad to hear that everyone  
is well and you enjoyed being with  
all your family so much. Hope to see  
you next Fall which is a long time off.  
Will try to write more often.

Lots of love  
Billie & Eris.

[n.d.]

Thursday

Dear Alma Kirby —

A letter from Ant  
tell that you may write  
the biography of Sherwood  
Eddy & in that connection  
may take a trip East & see  
Mrs. Eddy. Some? We  
are much interested. When  
would you go? And if you  
did - how about Alma  
coming up for a visit? Of  
course Alma — I know  
you'll be delighted & have  
loads of time to work out  
& doors with no speaking

fine stuff! Thanks so  
much. Wendy very proudly  
tells her friend that "my  
Granny Almoe made it!"

And will be my ~~the~~ meals  
end at 2:15 AM Saturday!  
He had a good time with  
Walt & Mary & had such nice  
things to say about Mary especially.  
We are excited about the  
possibility of a visit from them  
this summer.

Have been taking mountain  
trips on Sundays. Saw the  
Calaveras Big Trees recently. Beautiful.  
Groves! We're looking for  
family camping spots that are  
accessible by car - but also  
rather ~~isolated~~ secluded. Most  
we've seen are too close together.  
Margie & Ray Hockelman (of

trips to make - but we'd  
love to have you come. That  
was your son's first "tell  
reaction" to the news "Tell  
mom to come up for a while"  
The thought just occurs  
to me that you will  
drive East ?? I don't know  
why we hadn't thought of  
that possibility before!  
The Isiddies are mod  
about the doll dresses you  
made, Alma. They made a  
big list than anything.  
The first one are especially  
cute & so easy to take off &  
put on. Anytime you add a  
list for what to give them -  
doll dresses will be sure

Porterville now & formerly (Ori)  
are planning to go camping with  
us later this summer. Two  
weeks ago they lost their  
youngest girl (age 3) - when  
a heavy chicken rooster affair  
fell on her & killed her  
instantly. They had just spent  
the week-end before that with  
<sup>here</sup> us, we'd all had a  
perfect time. We were down  
in that area for the West Coast  
plays & went to see them.  
Such a tragic thing - our heart  
bleed for them.

The avocados are  
wonderful & lime too. Wendy is  
as nutty about limeade as any  
other juice - so it's great to  
have them on hand. I had just  
written Berry & Marie before they  
came - so please extend our  
gratitude. Thanks.  
Write us all about the Big  
Plans! As ever much love  
Kay & Eric

[H. d.]

**IRONCRAFT**  
PHONE PRESTON 8164 P. O. BOX 8568  
1515 SPRING STREET  
HOUSTON 9, TEXAS

Dear Folks.

Received your letter yesterday and guess I had better drop you a line and let you know how things are. I am feeling much better myself. This finally made up her mind to go back to the Dr. for a check up and a good thing for her heart is in a pretty bad condition. He wanted her to go to the Hospital for a bout a week and take some kind of new drug to try and thin her blood down so she would not be so much danger of it hardening in the arteries. So he took her last night, guess they will start treatment today. Barbara has Pat for two weeks and Bill can

Took care of his self and the house  
also Barbara and Laddie just got back  
from vacation. Went to some Scout  
Camp in New Mexico and then back  
by Carlsbad Cavern. They are all  
doing O.K. Gloria and her family  
are just fine also. Have not  
heard from Johnnie lately but presume  
she is doing O.K. Hope you  
are all feeling well. Let us  
hear from you all.

Love  
Bell & Iris

THOMASVILLE

Have cancelled my -1-  
 Blue Cross - should have done it ~~as~~ years ago - but  
 just found out they don't pay doctor for maternity  
 anymore. This since 1951 (just after Barbie was born)  
 & I didn't know! We got a blanket \$100<sup>00</sup> for maternity on the August 7<sup>th</sup>  
 group ins. plan & took out for a very good deal - much  
 better than Blue Cross

Dear Alma & Shirley -

Happy Birthday, Shirley!

How goes the work on the biography?

John & Marge were here Sunday afternoon & spent the night. It was wonderful to see them again. Stevie & Wendy had fun playing & Barbie roamed around Saugus like a mad dog! They left Bonnie with Margie filled. We'll be going up to see them possibly next week sometime.

Summer School is just history & I got a B on the course - so all is well. Wish you could see the kitchen cabinet - beautiful!

Alma the grainins are growing like mad all of a sudden! we have decided to make a back yard space

P.S.

Guess you've heard from Mary  
about Bonnie having pneumonia.  
All over now & she doing fine.

The doc gave me some "free"  
tonic for her & after that I  
will discuss vitamins w/  
her doctor.

You know, Wendy had that  
Zima drops stuff for at least  
2 years after birth & is not so  
much. That might be a factor.

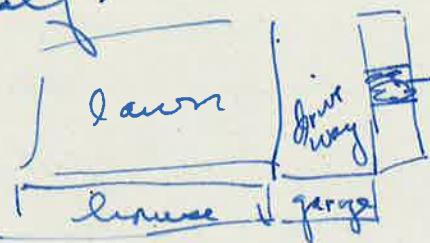
However - B just isn't as  
nuggety constructed as Wendy &  
perhaps has inherited her father's  
tendency to respiratory difficulties.???

Ge - they are playing ~~so~~ well  
together these days - it's a joy to watch  
them. And Bader's vocabulary is growing  
by leaps & bounds. You should have seen the 4 of  
us all out walking the car this evening!

It was a panic!  
I had a wonderful time with  
Tay up in the King Canyon for 4  
days - two weeks ago. Lots of falls &  
nugget hitting. I watered the lawn like crazy  
while he was gone & it is so quick & beautiful  
now. Am hoping it will live up in Sept &  
bring the trailer. Mom said maybe you could - but even  
if you do come - we'd need it before that.

Love ESS

on the south side of the drive way.  
This will cut that long space about  
in half, street



also decided best

I put lawn in a we have the seed  
I after viewing the property from across  
the street - it would give a better balance.  
will leave a spot next to the white  
wall for flower & or bush-type plantings.  
True to have the junipers. Do you  
suppose we'll have trouble transplanting  
since they are old? Hope not.

Appreciate the clipping. The foam  
rubber deal sound most interesting. Will  
keep them for reference & maybe at  
Xmas time can look up some of these  
places. Not likely to fit the new  
sofa under way soon - in order to  
leave the present one for bed while  
Mother is here in Oct. But - no cash.  
Will be O.K. tho as I'm sure we  
can bring the folks roll away bed

car during the fall & sleep in.

down for Mother - Mother will  
Speaking of such things - Mother will  
have her hospice I go to the hospital &

-3-

says she will stay as long as  
we need her. So we'll see how  
things go & maybe you can sit  
this one out!

I'll send the red deer - he  
easier that way for you. Hey - what  
is a tiny tree? You've got me - ~~he~~  
Tay doesn't know either. Our beans  
are sort of sad too - but the corn  
has been wonderful. Had last of  
1st planting today, but the 2nd batch  
is coming in fast & is much taller  
& few footer than the 1st. We've  
been getting tomatoes from Sherry &  
Sally's garden which is nice - also  
a lot of squash from them & cucumbers  
too. I just approached Tay with  
the idea of writing a little & he  
say "Tell them I going to bed".  
I get up earlier than the rest of  
us do around here. The girls & I  
rarely arise before 9 AM!!

pardon arise before 9 AM!!  
Teas - I'm getting a big as a  
horse & his baby is doing acrobatics!  
However - I haven't gained a pound  
in 2 months! much love,

Eugie Ital

FRIEND!

Again, let me take this way to let you know that I do value your fellowship. . that it is a mighty cable that holds strong, even when I don't get letters written. I do cherish and joy in your letters---couldn't get along without them! You're most kind. And I'm wishing you ever so much summer fun! Like waking some morning knowing there are some hours stretching ahead not too definitely tagged with "must-do's". . . or taking a picnic basket with family or friends and lazing around in a quiet spot, or fishing or simply chewing on a blade of grass and letting the river roll along. . or whatever you'd choose for yourself for fun, that's my wish for you.

Summary in a hurry: teaching second-term summer school; then sandwiching in some camps, institutes, workers' workshops, spiritual life retreats--in eleven conferences in all between June and September, over U.S. For a while, paused where several rather interesting crossroads of opportunity presented themselves; but decided that serving at this splendid college is the real "calling" at least for now. And the challenge of teaching is unspeakable. In addition, next year will be Director of Student Religious Activities. Frightening opportunity. I do need your prayers.

This summer we're reaching a large number of public school teachers as well as others and doing new course: RESOURCES FOR DEVOTIONAL LIVING---delving into devotional classics of hundreds of years ago, and with what amazingly contemporary punch those old fellows could write 'way back then! In June, sent twelve lovely and capable girls out as directors of religious education (got them all jobs and could have placed about five times that many) and into mission fields. New buildings going up on campus. Visit us sometime! Let me know if anyone contemplating school and possibly majoring in religious education or ministry, wishes bulletin. Co-ed., AB, accredited.

Mother is with me (Ecker Apt.B-3) during teaching sessions. When I travel, she is with my sister in S.C. and her family---the three nieces I'm always using as guinea pigs in writing and speaking---ages 14, 12, 7. Dedicating the book I'm finishing now for Christian Board: TOGETHER---YOUNG TEENS AND TEACHERS (intermediates) to the two older who are: Margaret Frances and Willena Louise Hardwick. They make the job of "aunting" a real focation---surprises every minute. Mother and I had little impish Catherine (7) two weeks while her parents camp-counseled. Class on methods, watch out

HOT weather (I don't care what the politicians say, I believe too many bombs shot off are befuddling the universe). Many problems I won't go into; another death in next-nearest circle of relatives and illness still. By the way, as to news, did I tell you I now have local preacher's license? (Rev., ahem!) Have spoken in more pulpits in past months than in all years of board travel. Counting all groups, have spoken 103 times and taught 6 leadership schools since last fall. Dated up 1954. Two manuscripts in publishers' hands now for decision, both in camping.

Reading? On youth, GROWING UP IN AN ANXIOUS AGE (NEA yearbook)---rings the changes on old outworn patterns; ends proddingly. . . "there's still a chance. . ." On beliefs, Dr. DeWolf's A THEOLOGY FOR THE LIVING CHURCH---most sympathetic, logical, systematic, clear, careful guidance on tangled questions. . makes you want to pray and shout. I predict this is the MASTERWORK on theology for years to come. For heart-throb, book KAREN (story of little spastic girl). To help a most worthy lady, order Grace MScott' BITTERSWEET and BEYOND ALL LONELINESS (cerebral palsy---but her exquisite poems soar and sing and are filled with good sense). Abilene Printing Co., Abilene, Tex.

What's on my heart night and day is the plight of Korean people---children orphaned especially. We've all helped in their hurt. . . can we help now? CARE, MEALS FOR MILLIONS, OVERSEAS RELIEF, ETC.---plenty of agencies ready---Are we ready, enough?

"A smile is the window in your face to let people know you are at home." Cartoon: boy facing mommy, belligerently: "Mommy, don't MUST me, it makes me feel WON'T all over!" "You ask how I know that my youth has been spent? Well, my git up and go has got up and went. But I really don't care as I think with a grin, of all the nice places my git up has been." (I'm thankful, too, for you nice people I've met).

From Sir Francis Drake: "O Lord God, when Thou givest to Thy servants to endeavor any great matter, grant us also to know that it is not the beginning, but the continuing of the same until it is thoroughly finished which yieldeth true glory."

Yours with love, and a prayer that we may venture newly, for Upward calls.

[n.d.]

Wed. eve.  
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Dearest Ruby & Alma -

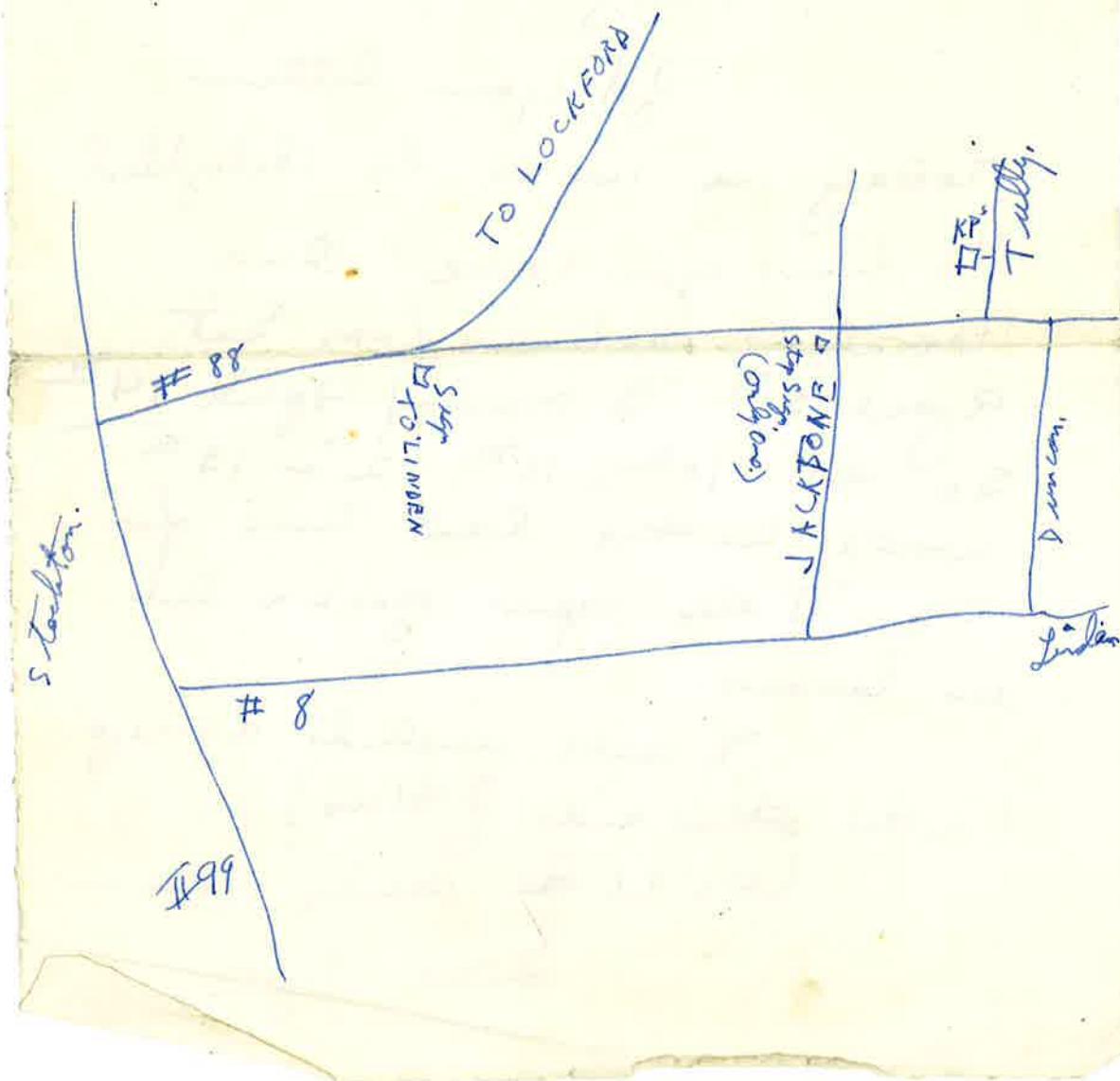
Got your letter  
today - we'll be delighted  
to have you come! Our  
vacation extends from Sat  
April 5<sup>th</sup> to Monday April 14<sup>th</sup> -  
so the 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>  
would be the best time for  
us. Take your pick & let  
us know.

\* will include a map.  
(on the other side of this).

We'll be seeing you -

Sincerely,  
Eugie

P.D. This is wonderful - you can  
bring up our record calendar?  
Boy - do we need it!



[A. A. Sept 1953]

Dear Kirby -

Since I came back Tuesday, I've been thinking over our discussion and I find myself in disagreement with your point of view. I'm writing this because I do not seem to be able to express myself very well in any talks where there is a sizable difference of opinion. I think it's best to keep the peace too long or sometimes of that sort. Or it may be I feel I am too fuzzy a thinker to voice an opinion against any of you now, at what first I have sat so long as a learner of spiritual truths. I don't know. But I do want to state again to you clearly why I can't accept your conclusion about the Bible.

I do not claim that those who wrote it were at most terrible, but neither do I believe that in matters as terrible vital to human being as salvation from sin, the future life, the Sermon on the Mount, & the Lord's Prayer, would be left to the fallible memories or misunderstandings of men like the apostles. This I firmly believe, else I could not continue to teach it. Hear the Holy Spirit whom Jesus promised the <sup>the writers</sup> words end, "And they" miss all truth and brought to their memory all the words He spoke - what ~~great~~ delight

Peter said "It profits" Jesus said, is poor comfort to one who wants salvation, or who wants to understand the love of God as expressed by Jesus. Also if much of the letters were written by men who were not absolutely sure of the truth

they were writing, <sup>but</sup> because they wanted to comfort and confirm  
it better in the faith, they were very much more to my  
way of thinking. Even if they did not dream of people  
like us, but were only thinking of the people of their own time,  
they had no business confounding them with anything but  
the Truth. God knows about us, He knew that the  
church today, world's society and <sup>the world</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>such</sup> <sup>P. J. not O.T.</sup>  
anyone to tell anything but truth in a <sup>m</sup> <sup>in this fashion.</sup> ~~Book~~ He  
knew would be coming down to us. How it is expressed  
<sup>in old or modern language.</sup>  
is immaterial, but the essence of the truth must be there  
if I am to believe any of it. I can't trust <sup>even</sup> my own  
wonderful experiences, authentic as they are to me. They  
may be because I am imaginative, sensitive, sentimental.  
All the wonderful sense of peace, security, and of being  
beloved, comes to self inspired or hypnotized, you see, not  
truly from God, as comes here all the experience of  
the Saints. Day faith in these last weeks has been terribly  
tried, but all these experiences. I am clinging to the  
Cross with two fingers, like the woman in the old lithograph,  
and praying that my faith fail not. I shall probably  
lose it, trees as by far and stronger than me, but I'm  
pretty falana just as present.

Sincerely,  
Alice C.

N.D.

74 WEST MARSHALL ROAD  
LANSDOWNE, PA.

Dear Alma

Sunday

It was so nice getting your letter urging us to come to California and have some fun in January weather, as well as many other wonderful things your sunny climate and warm friendship have to offer us.

I have already had two trips and a wedding this year so the budget is badly bruised, but this opportunity comes only once in a life time so I can't turn it down. Alice had such a pleasant visit with you so I am sure Red and I will too. It will be as good as a tonic being with you and Turkey again.

Byrdie is living in New York City, one block from Central

Park on 96th street. She and  
Mark are learning a little about  
the high cost of living. Their  
apartment costs a hundred  
dollars a month.

We had a very nice trip to  
Wisconsin this summer.  
Betty did most of the driving  
so it was a relief for Red.  
We hadn't seen our folks  
in ten years so we saw a big  
change in everyone.

You'll hear from us  
again as our plane  
progress. We would like to  
spend a day at the Grand  
Canyon on our way out  
and Salt Lake City on our  
way back.

Cant wait, until then

Lots of love

Esther

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Thursday morning

Dear Folks:

We have just decided to stay another day and will be home about midnight on Saturday.

Fishing has been wonderful I have caught the 2 lb. one and one about 1 lb. are the largest ones so far. I have hooked some larger ones but have not gotten them to the boat.

Last Saturday night one of Bill's cabin's caught fire the people had gone for a drive and were gone about 2 hours before the fire was discovered the fellows got the fire out but

were unable to save much  
as the interior was hardly  
burnt. Not much damage to  
the outside except for the roof.  
Not sure what started it.

Do we will see you

Some

at St. Marie and

at the bridge so long

and I say we are equal

and our goods were packed

at St. Marie and

you didn't want that

I got up before you did well

for making of my bed though

and I made up my bed

but you were soon off at

the bus stop at the hotel

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Monday —  
4 PM

Hello Folks! —

Glad to get your letter  
and hear how things are —

Guess we are really  
missing some of that  
hot weather —

Both just getting to where  
we are feeling a little like  
fishing and getting around —

Con & Alice were here Sat  
& Sunday — Both had nice time —

Caught 15 yesterday when  
they were here —

Maine & I went out  
in boat today & got 10

Bee has been under the  
weather several weeks now -

Have been eating some  
nice trout - 11 to 15 in  
few Ave bfr yet &  
One more cooking green beans -

Larsen at Bost & family  
Coming here for one week  
last part of August -

Seeing some of the old times  
here - Glad you are getting  
lots of beans.

See Anna & Delight Hello  
Always glad to hear -

Love, as 2

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Tues Am

6/11-

Hello Poets,-

Airmail OK at 2-9 got  
up at 8 - Main at 9 -

Just writing now -

Was 124 in Dugout Creek yesterday,  
90 at Little Lake when we left  
there at 10<sup>30</sup> last night -

Bike now to Creek - Stomach  
trouble - rest doing pretty good -  
Its beautiful here -

just wanted to let you know  
We got here OK - More Sooty -

Love -

us ✓

or Friday of that week is  
possible we would dearly love  
to see you.

Is the group meeting on  
the 24th? Don't bother to  
reply, because Allan of course  
will know. He is lost here  
just now. I felt particularly  
cheated in missing the  
last Friday session which  
meant so very much to Allan  
& Caroline & Julie.

It is incredibly good to  
remember the Steadwicks and  
radiance you both communicate

in this unsteady world!

Bless you both -

Our love -

Elizabeth & Allen

If you can come - either next week  
or any time after September 12<sup>th</sup>.  
The route is - North to Franklin Ave.  
(from free-way) East (right) on Franklin  
to Talmadge... North (left) on Talmadge to  
Tracey - ~~right~~ Right on Tracey 2 lbs. to Myra.  
+ meet me at Myra.

Well this gets Tues.  
Dear Alma -  
I sent in an  
order to Sears & Roebucks  
Wards & asked them to  
mail to you as they  
probably wouldn't get here  
in time. Ordered a lot of  
gifts this year. None have mailed  
so far very few have come  
in. Getting frantic! Thought  
I was being very clever since  
it's a trifle difficult to  
shop with 3 kids!

At the rate I'm going -  
I'll never make it by Sat.

We'll stay with Walt  
& Mary Sun. eve. & maybe  
Monday ~~if O.K~~ with them.  
Will call you from there.

We had planned to come  
directly to Ed Habra this  
year. Give you 1<sup>st</sup> look at  
new grand son etc etc! But  
is O.K this way.

Hope Shirley is feeling  
good again.

Is traffic ~~difficult~~ <sup>difficult</sup> to  
travel S. Ave. yesterday  
going west was all the  
bus get to about ~~near~~ <sup>near</sup> it

Mrs. Philip Gray

739 HARVARD AVENUE

CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA

Friday

Dear Keily + Anna,

Thank you so very, very much for last night. I thought it was an exceptionally fruitful evening, with good participation by a wide cross-section of people. Most of the people who volunteered something speak seldom or never in Meeting, so that their deeper thoughts are unknown to me, and I think probably to each other. I see already that one result of our 4 Thursdays is going to be a kind of fellowship with each other which we haven't had up to now. All that in addition to the deepening of our own insight through your guidance.

What you said about one's need for real fellowship these days reminded me of Howard Cary. He spoke of his need for that kind of support + strength at the last meeting of our A F S C

Peace Committee. I wondered whether you would want to invite him to your home on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Just a suggestion. I know he'd appreciate it. Our committee is all looking forward to our meeting with you April 18, 2-9. We really don't know each other at all yet, and "fellowship" doesn't exist between us.

Thank you again for a wonderfully rich evening. Even the people who didn't say anything, like Mrs Brown, were bursting inside & wanted to speak, as she confided to me afterwards. She probably will next time.

Your grateful friend,

Peg

Mrs. Brown - she may have sat beside Elizabeth Stevens small woman - mother of 7 - member of Community Church - has known lots of seducers - 2 children killed in private plane accident - widow - Trustee of Scripps College - wealthy - Hugh Hamilton - rather short man - glasses - he passed the lemonade - teaches math at Pomona College - joined Friends 2 months ago is our Treasurer.

Mary Beard - quiet girl of 20 or so, but spoke very warmly & with great maturity at her father's funeral -

John Stuart - taught at Tucson, then Whittier College, now Cal Poly at San Dimas. reads no newspapers or magazines - thinks instead! tall, broad-shouldered with glasses.

Dorothy Saunders - wispy little white haired woman, came in late; glasses. Divorced by her husband years ago & went through breakdown afterwards - just joined Friends - very

quiet but thinking - interested in peace.

Could'nt come last night but will later -

Joseph Griggs - Clerk of our Meeting - Dr. in trouble for  
Jeanette Griggs - his wife - pacifist views during war

Alex Robinson - member of Philadelphia meeting - Race  
st. I think - Sinus sufferer - retired

Dorothy " his wife

Barbara Walker. unmarried Teacher in local  
private girls' school - Nova Scotia - birthright  
friend - about 30

Isabel Smith - teaches geology at Scripps - you  
met her at supper at our house - unmarried  
wonderful person - convinced friend

Mrs. Dart - widowed this winter - lives in Pilgrim  
Place.

Came to Meeting April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Alma Page - chauffeur (?)

Mrs. Grace Page - not a member or attender but  
a friend of the Griggs

Ruth Suchow Nuhn. writer of The Folk and lots  
of other books about Iowa

Wilde Stuart - wife of John Stuart - one little boy

May Kimball - very active <sup>very tense</sup> in Community Church - was in Escondido

Mrs Nuhn - Turner's Mother on visit from Iowa

Mabel Ellis - a friend of the friends - very interested  
in mental Hygiene - lives in Pilgrim Place

Elizabeth Steiner - you know - Rhode Island Friend

Kirby Page

Franklin Zahn - makes only enough wine for bare  
subsistence so he won't pay tax - C.O. in war.

un-married - trained as an engineer

Lewis Langston - you met her at our house -  
widow. Kept a home for C.O.s in Pasadena  
during war - son is clerk of Orange Grove Meeting

Margaret Dorland Webb - Birthright Friend - works as  
cook & housekeeper for a Claremont family -  
awfully fine spirit under lonely & disengaging  
conditions

Mrs Shapleigh - don't know anything about her except  
that she knew Jane Addams + C F Andrews!  
occasionally attends Meeting

her 2 friends have gone back to St Louis  
Ferner Nuhn - wrote an article on Emerson in Christian Century  
Elizabeth Van Dolsen - art teacher in Claremont

High School - wife of Fay Van Dolsen who does  
wonders with children in dramatics - faithful  
attender, on verge of becoming a Friend -

Olive Hoyt - don't know her - I think she's a new  
member of our meeting - some of the older members  
know her well - manish hair-cut.

Mildred Acort - her husband just died 2 weeks ago  
after long illness from stroke - 5 children  
wonderful Christian people - simple background -  
he was a grocery store clerk - small woman

Edith Zahn - white hair, small, widow of  
Franklin - was Christian Scientist, I guess  
still is, though their attitude toward war  
very much saddened her - widow

Harlan + Rose Barber - I think he teaches at  
the Brethren College in La Verne - A Friend.

with 7 won and 9 lost  
but did better in the  
league with 5 and 5  
and ended up 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We could use lots of  
berries, and whatever else  
you bring.

See you  
Kay ad Epsie

## Dear Folks

Our Easter Vacation  
starts on March 28<sup>th</sup> and  
ends on April 5<sup>th</sup>. So how  
about the 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

We planted our lawn  
on the 25 of March and so far  
no lawn, but it has been  
cold, and it should come up  
soon.

We put the patio in  
about 10 days before that  
and have the walls up in  
the living room so we  
are making progress.

Epsie has been on  
for a long time and that  
slowed down every thing and  
every one.

We finally ended  
the basketball season

Mrs. Philip Gray

739 HARVARD AVENUE

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Sunday

Dear Kirby Peff,

We're very thrilled by your nice letter and by the generous proposal you make involving so much of yours and Alma's time. Tell tell you exactly how I feel. I certainly believe that you have that to give people which they hunger and thirst after these days, and I want to do everything I can to help people spend a few evenings with you and be enriched thereby - as all of us were last Friday. I took up your suggestion about inviting Bob Vogel. He and his family are coming out this Wednesday to spend the late afternoon and have supper with us. Then our small Claremont Friends Peace Committee - only 6 people so far - meets here at our house on Tues. afternoon, March 2nd, to think what we can do about Peace. Now rather than take the matter of some Friday evenings with you into just Phil's and my hands I

would like to talk over with Bob, and with our committee, where to take hold of peace in Claremont first, and how to make the best possible use of your generous offer. Does that make sense to you? If we could get several people who would be willing to try peace discussions in their homes it seems to me you could be of invaluable help in teaching us the rudiments of handling such a discussion. Yet maybe we learn best by watching you actually do it, I don't know. Anyway, may I let you know after March 2<sup>nd</sup> what we all seem to agree on, and when you hold the 4 April Fridays open until you hear further from me? We're thrilled that you and Alma want to do this.

Another possibility is that our Meeting is concerned about the quality of our ~~spiritual~~ worship, individually + collectively. We're all reading the Friend's Intelligencer of Jan (30<sup>th</sup>?) on Prayer and Guidance, and planning a meeting soon to take up just this question. Perhaps that would be a place where you would want, more than any other place, to deepen & enrich the Stream. I see so many possibilities! I'll write you March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Your friend - Pea